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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Memphis (157-329) (P)

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
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Reference is made to Bureau teletype to Memphis and New Orleans, 7/3/64, entitled "INVESTIGATION OF KLAN AND VIOLENCE, STATES OF LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI, RM."

Enclosed herewith for Bureau are 9 copies and for New Orleans 6 copies of LHM captioned as above.

New Orleans is requested to furnish a copy of the LHM to Departmental attorney WALTER J. SHERIDAN, Room 450, Milner Bldg., 210 South Lamar St., Jackson, Miss.

As additional names are developed supplemental LHMs will be submitted.

ME T-1 is [REDACTED] RI (PROB), and information originally set out in [REDACTED] RI (PROB), contacted by SA V. WALSER PROSPERE.

ME T-2 is [REDACTED], and information originally reported in [REDACTED], contacted by SA THOMAS S. HOPKINS.

ME T-3 is ARNOLD SPENCER, Sheriff, Chickasaw Co., Houston, Miss., originally recorded herein, and furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVARD, JR.

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IS LITERALLY BELIEVED BY THE AGENT WHO INTERVIEWED [REDACTED]
THAT [REDACTED] LIFE IS AT STAKE IF HIS IDENTITY SHOULD EVER
BE REVEALED IN ANY MANNER. THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY
[REDACTED] IS BEING FURNISHED THE BUREAU AND NEW ORLEANS
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SHOULD BE USED WITH REFERENCE TO IT.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
July 6, 1964

RE: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF
MISSISSIPPI (Hereinafter referred to
as WKKKKM)

Memphis Confidential Informant T-1, who is familiar with certain activities of captioned organization in the Mississippi Delta advised on July 3, 1964, that there is only one klavern operating in Washington County, Mississippi, and that the following are the officers thereof:

WASHINGTON COUNTY:

WILLIAM C. THOMAS, operator Triple A Battery and Service Company, Greenville, Mississippi, head of the Washington County klavern;

#2 man; OTIS EVANS, produce store operator, Greenville, Mississippi,

treasurer; E. C. STONE, farmer, Lake Washington area, secretary-

LEROY EASTERLING, operator, Just-Rite Auto Sales, Greenville, Mississippi, investigator;

W. F. "BUSTER" THAGGARD, 1510 Causey, Greenville, Mississippi, security officer;

Dr. EVERETT MITCHELL, osteopath, offices at 540 Cedar Street, officer, duties unknown;

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RE: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

DAN THAGGARD, service station and store operator, Wayside, Mississippi, ~~officer~~, duties unknown;

As of July 3, 1964, the WKKKKM klavern of Washington County consisted of 87 members. The names of the members who have to date been identified, are set out below as follows, according to T-1:

RAY SELF, operator, Self's Repair Garage, Greenville, Mississippi;

HOUSTON ACREE EVANS, JR., (Sonny Evans);

(FNU) THOMAS;

JOHN WESLEY BREWER, 1537 Genie Fairway Street, Greenville, Mississippi;

HERMAN JEFQOAT;

JAMES ROBERT WOODS, corner of Arnold and Highway #82, Greenville;

Several men who are employees of the Greenville Mills, identities unknown;

DENTON GARRETT, former employee, Greenville Mills, who has sworn out of the organization and moved to Eupora, Mississippi;

WILLIAM MERRILL, employee of Holland Dodge Company;

EDDIE JETER;

EARL WAGES, Greenville, Mississippi, Police Department;

BILLY JOE JENNINGS, former member of Greenville Police Department, currently employed at the U. S. Gypsum Company;

GAYLE EASTERLING, 355 Stockton Drive, Greenville;

GENE COLEMAN, 1616 Hospital Street, Greenville;

CHARLIE COLEMAN, 428 Orlando Street, Greenville;

GRADY GRIFFIN, partner of LEROY EASTERLING, Just-Rite Auto Sales;

RE: WKKKKM

FRANKLIN TROTTER, Farmer, Lake Washington or Wayside, Mississippi, area;

HOWARD HEARN, farmer, James Crossing, Mississippi, area;

TOM PITTMAN, farmer, southern part of Washington County;

J. E. BRANTON, Leland, Mississippi;

BREE RYAN (Butch Ryan), employed by J. E. BRANTON;

RUSSELL POGUE, Plantation Manager, Alex Curtis Plantation, Leland, Mississippi;

(FNU) SIBLEY, Plantation Manager, Maurice Brown Plantation, Leland, Mississippi;

SAM WILSON, believed to be employed for United Insurance Company, Greenville;

C. R. DONAHOU, Garage operator, Arcola, Mississippi;

C. R. BEAN, 634 Inez Street, Greenville;

JOHN HENDON, Greenville, Mississippi;

DONALD LEACH, JR., and TONY LEACH, who reside at Theobold and Levy Streets, Greenville;

JAMES TUGWELL, Radio announcer, Station WGVM, Greenville;

EMANUEL BLASSINGAME, 442 California, Greenville;

(FNU) McCLURE, residing Highway #82 West, Greenville;

(FNU) McCLURE (possibly JAMES McCLURE), Highway #82 West, Greenville;

EMORY SMITH, former operator of a garage Highway #82 East, now sworn out of the organization;

CHARLES BURNS, Greenville city employee.

BOLIVAR COUNTY:

T-1 also advised that there was a klavern in Bolivar County, Mississippi, the activities of which are centered around

RE: WKKKM

Cleveland, Mississippi, and the following individuals in the Cleveland area are members:

(FNU) SATTERFIELD, Head man;

MARION A. PALMER, member.

COAHOMA COUNTY:

Memphis T-2 advised that efforts have been made to establish a klavern at Coahoma County but that they have been unsuccessful. There is only one member, ROBERT LLOYD PARKS, Clarksdale, Mississippi.

LEFLORE COUNTY:

Memphis T-2 advised that the only klan activities in this county to his knowledge is at Greenwood and the following are the officers and members thereof:

GORDON M. LACKEY, organizer, 412 West Park, Greenwood, Mississippi;

BILLY GOODWIN, Manager, Shell Service Station, Highway #82 West, Greenwood, Mississippi.

CHICKASAW COUNTY:

Memphis Confidential Informant T-3 advised that efforts have been made to establish klavern at Woodland, Mississippi, and the following are the officers and members thereof :

EVERETT WIGGS, Farmer, Woodland, Mississippi, officer;

JERRY BOX, Inmate, Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi;

JAY HUGH FAULKNER, Woodland, Mississippi;

BILL MOORE, Motel owner, Houston, Mississippi;

TILLIE DAVIS, Restaurant owner, Houston, Mississippi;

LEON NELSON, Farmer, Woodland, Mississippi;

RE: WKKKKM

FLOYD REECE, Farmer, Woodland, Mississippi;

BUD WIGGS, Farmer, Woodland, Mississippi;

PETE WIGGS, Farmer, Woodland, Mississippi;

EVERETT WIGGS, Farmer, Woodland, Mississippi;

SAM PARKER, Sparta Community, Chickasaw County,
Mississippi.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
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Memphis, Tennessee
July 6, 1964

Title: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
(WKKKKM)

Character:

Reference: Memorandum dated July 6, 1964.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

T-1 has been contacted insufficiently to definitely establish his reliability; however, much of his information has been corroborated through independent sources.

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SAC [REDACTED]

7/8/64

SA WILLIAM F. DUKES P

[REDACTED]
POTENTIAL RACIAL INFORMANT

[REDACTED] is a former racial informant of the New Orleans Division and has previously been a member of the Ku Klux Klan in the Pascagoula, Miss., area.

[REDACTED] advised confidentially on 7/6/64 that for about the past sixty or ninety days a group of men affiliated with a Ku Klux Klan group at Bogalusa, La., area has been recruiting individuals in the Crossroads Community, which is located in Mississippi on State Highway 26, about two miles east of the Mississippi-Louisiana line. As a result, a number of persons in the Crossroads Community have joined the Bogalusa group and attend meetings regularly on what [REDACTED] believes is Thursday nights.

[REDACTED] advised the Crossroads group is presently attempting to organize a Klavern in Pearl River County, Miss., and to affiliate with the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, pulling away from the Bogalusa group. [REDACTED] was not aware that the group had obtained enough members to get a charter for a Klavern, adding that he is positive the following men at Crossroads are Klansmen apparently still associated with the Bogalusa group:

Dr. (FNU) ADAMS, a chiropractor at Crossroads;

C. J. SEALS, a retired Navy veteran and a cripple;

EARL WHITE, operator of a septic tank business at Crossroads.

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[redacted] advised that he has been approached about joining the Crossroads group and stated that he intended to do so in the immediate future in order to be in a position to furnish the Bureau with current and documentary information on this group and its members. He stated he has let it be known in the area that he is an "old-time" Klansman, and he feels that this will thus enable him to obtain a position as an officer with the group.

Mrs. EVON GUY, Credit Bureau of Picayune, Picayune, Miss., advised on 7/6/64 that [redacted] resides in the Crossroads community west of Poncharville, Miss., where he is [redacted] Mrs. GUY advised [redacted] pays his bills promptly and has a satisfactory credit rating.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a [redacted] case be opened and assigned SA DUKES for further contact with [redacted] concerning Klan matters.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC New Orleans 157-1784

DATE: 7/7/64

FROM : SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR.

SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITY , Coptiah County, Mississippi

Attached is certified cppy of the Charter of incorporation of "COPIAH COUNTY ROD AND GUN CLUB" , A Mississippi corporation , furnished 6/26/64 by Secretary of the State of Mississippi , Heber Ladner .

The names of the incorporators are

Julius

~~Julius~~ Harper

Highway 51 Crystal Springs, Miss.

S. T. Wallace, Jr. Highway 51

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Howard E. Cohn

309 S. Avenue Cryatal Springs,
Miss.

Recommended action : Index above names.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1784)

DATE: 7/7/64

FROM: SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR.

SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITY, COPIAH COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI
RM

On 6/25/64, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Crystal Springs, Mississippi,
advised as follows:

[REDACTED] requested that his identity not
be disclosed under any circumstances as furnishing this
information.

[REDACTED] advised that, on the Friday night before
the 5th of May, 1964, a cross was burned in front of the
United States Post Office at Crystal Springs, Mississippi,
at about 8:00 PM.

The cross was at least 6 feet in height and the
cross bar was four or five feet in length. It was wrapped
in sack material and apparently had been saturated with
some sort of oil to make it burn rapidly.

- 2 - 157-1784
2 - 157- (Americans for Preservation of the White
Race, Copiah County, Mississippi)
② - 157-1962 (WKKKK)
2 - 157- (CHARLES SOJOURNER)
2 - 157- (GERALD WHITEHEAD)
2 - 157- (CLYDE STEGALL)
2 - 157- (JULIUS HARPER)
2 - 157- (HOWARD MC LEMORE)
2 - 157- (Copiah County Rod and Gun Club)
2 - 157- (Americans for Preservation of the White
Race, Rankin County, Mississippi)

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This burning occurred following a meeting of the organization which has been organized in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, recently and is a branch of a state organization; as [] understands it, the organization being named The Americans for Preservation of the White Race.

[] stated that he had determined through a source, which he cannot disclose under any circumstances, that CHARLIE SOJOURNER, who lives in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, had been seen by this source placing the cross in front of the Post Office and burning same, or rather setting it on fire.

[] advised that SOJOURNER resides at 400 Newton Street, Crystal Springs, and is described as being a white male, and in his early forties. He owns hauling trucks and does a considerable amount of hauling for Kohlman Electric Company in Crystal Springs.

[] advised that SOJOURNER is a member of the Copiah County Rod and Gun Club, which was organized at Crystal Springs and has a meeting place just outside the City Limits of Crystal Springs.

[] stated that, from the fact that SOJOURNER was the individual who burned the cross as indicated above, he, [] believes that SOJOURNER is a member of the Ku Klux Klan, the name of that organization in Mississippi, according to [] being the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

[] stated that he had no other information to indicate that SOJOURNER was a member of the Klan.

[] stated that, in addition to being a member of the Copiah County Rod and Gun Club, SOJOURNER is also active as a member of the organization known as the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race, referred to above.

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[] advised JULIUS HARPER, a white male, who operates a restaurant in Crystal Springs, is also a member of the Copiah County Rod and Gun Club and is active as a member of the APWR.

[] stated that ELIOT MC GREW, a young man in Crystal Springs, several months ago, was called into JULIUS HARPER's restaurant by HARPER and told by HARPER that he, HARPER, had heard that MC GREW had stated that HARPER was a member of the Ku Klux Klan. HARPER told MC GREW that he never wanted to hear any such allegations made by MC GREW and that if same were made, he would have to answer to HARPER.

[] advised that he is not a member of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race, but that he has been solicited to attend meetings of the organization at Crystal Springs on numerous occasions by TOMMY WALKER, who operates the Standard Oil of Kentucky Service Station, on U.S. Highway 51 at Crystal Springs.

[] stated that TOMMY WALKER is the son of RAS WALKER, Constable for Beat #5 at Crystal Springs.

[] advised that the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race organization at Crystal Springs was organized there by the Reverend HOWARD MC LEMORE, Pastor of the County Line Baptist Church, located about three or four miles North of Crystal Springs.

[] stated that he previously furnished this Bureau detailed information regarding MC LEMORE, and that MC LEMORE is a member of the Copiah County Rod and Gun Club.

[] stated that he, [] is not a member of the club, but that he receives information as to its members through sources he, [], does not care to divulge.

[] advised that the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race has regular meetings each Tuesday night at 7:30 PM at Lake Chautauqua Park, owned by the City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi. He said that the

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meetings are held at the pavillion built in that park and that there has usually been an attendance of around 100 people.

[] stated that, when the meetings first started, two or three months ago, some of the prominent people in Crystal Springs went to the meeting, names not recalled, but that these had dropped out and that only the wage-earner type of person seems to go at the present time.

[] advised that HOWARD MC LEMORE, referred to above, has addressed the APWR groups on several occasions and that he, MC LEMORE, had told [] that, as long as outsiders come to Mississippi on a non-violent basis, the APWR, which is also a non-violent organization, will have its "hands tied".

[] advised that MC LEMORE has apparently come to the conclusion that it is God's Will that there be segregation and that in doing everything in his power to maintain segregation MC LEMORE is carrying out God's Will.

[] stated that MC LEMORE is now completely sold on his belief that he is carrying out God's Will.

[] advised that the APWR has also been addressed on two or three occasions by CLYDE STEGALL, who resides at Crystal Springs, Mississippi, and is a Minister for the Primitive Baptist Church at Crystal Springs. [] said that STEGALL has been speaking at Crystal Springs and also spoke several times at APWR meetings at Brandon, Mississippi, in Rankin County.

[] stated that STEGALL is in his early fifties, white male, height 5'11", weight 190, hair grey. He resides at 227 Dampeer Street, Crystal Springs, Mississippi.

[] stated that he now recalls that he has heard that on one occasion HOWARD MC LEMORE told the group at the APWR meeting at Crystal Springs that they should boycott their churches if their fellow church members did not attend the APWR. [] also said he understands

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that on one occasion, when CLYDE STEGALL addressed the APWR at Crystal Springs, he asked if there were any FBI Agents in the audience and, if so, for them to stand.

[] stated that CLYDE STEGALL is the only minister, in the Crystal Springs area, who attends the APWR meetings.

[] stated that he is very strongly opposed to the Ku Klux Klan and that it is his belief that possibly the Klan may be trying to use the APWR as a front, and accordingly [] stated that he does not feel that the APWR is of any service to this country and he has not joined the organization.

[] stressed that he did not desire his identity disclosed as furnishing this information under any circumstances.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Dead Files be opened on the Copiah County Rod and Gun Club, CLYDE STEGALL, GERALD WHITEHEAD, CHARLES SOJOURNER and the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race, Copiah County, Mississippi; in order that information received regarding these individuals in the future can be channelled to these files.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 7/7/64

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. DUKES

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

7/6/64

Titles and File #s on which contacted

44-2227: MURKIN

157-Original Knights of the KKK of Louisiana (Bogalusa, La.), RM

157-2299: RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; RM

157-2413: Investigation of Klan and Violence, States of Louisiana and Mississippi, RM

157-1962: WHITE KNIGHTS OF KKK OF MISSISSIPPI, RM

Re 157 44-2227: CI had no info re this matter.

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE

CI advised that he has made numerous discreet inquiries in recent weeks, and has learned that a group of Ku Klux Klansmen from the Bogalusa, Louisiana area have recently been recruiting members in the Crossroads Community in Pearl River County, Mississippi area, west of Poplarville. CI advised that from what he has heard, there is no active KKK Klavern currently in existence in Pearl River County, but a number of people in the Crossroads area reportedly have become affiliated with the Bogalusa, La. group, and regularly attend meetings in Bogalusa. CI stated he assumes that this Crossroads group will start a Pearl River County Klavern at such time as they can get sufficient members.

CI advised that he has heard from reliable sources that the following individuals reportedly are Klan members, associated with a Klavern at either Bogalusa or Slidell, Louisiana:

J. L. FRIERSON, resident of Nicholson, Mississippi, employed Kaiser Aluminum Company, New Orleans, La.;

CLARENCE WHEAT, formerly Constable at Nicholson, Miss., presently carpenter at Picayune, Miss., and resident of the industrial community west of Picayune.

CI advised he has no indication of Klan organization at Picayune or immediate Poplarville area, or re potential demonstrations

Informant furnished all information obtained by him since last contact. Rating: Excellent Coverage: Same

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7/7/64

SA JOHN B. LEE, JR.

KLAN ACTIVITY,
SIMPSON COUNTY, MISS.
RM

On 6/26/64 HOLLAND DEAR, farmer, Pearl River area, and barbershop operator, Harrisville, Miss., advised that he is a member of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR), Harrisville, although he has attended only one meeting. He said that the organization professes to be non-violent. He said he is unaware of any Ku Klux Klan in Harrisville.

He said that DON LASHLEY, resident in the Pearl River area, and employed by the Mississippi Power and Light Co., is acting-president. He stated that RICHARD SEBREN, owner of Sebren's Grocery Store, Harrisville, is an active member.

On 6/26/64 RICHARD SEBREN, owner, Sebren's Grocery Store, Harrisville, Miss., advised that he is a member of the APWR and has attended most of the meetings which are held every Thursday evening, Masonic Lodge, Harrisville. SEBREN declined to furnish any additional information regarding this organization.

On 6/26/64 ALBERT M. BLAKENEY, owner, Blakeney's Standard Service Station, Magee, Miss., advised that W. H. RUSSELL, Magee, Miss., had asked him to join the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) a few months ago, but he declined. He said he heard that ARLONE MARTIN, a resident of Magee and employed by Universal Manufacturing, 49 Highway between Mendenhall and Magee, Miss., paid W. H. RUSSELL ten dollars to join the KKK but when the KKK was never formed MARTIN made RUSSELL return the ten dollars.

BLAKENEY said he would attempt to join the KKK by contacting RUSSELL within the next few days.

- 2 - 157- (Klan Activity, Simpson County, Miss.)
2 - 157-1962
2 - APWR, Inc. (157-2104)
2 - APWR, Inc., Simpson County, Miss. (157-

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Recommended Action:

Will maintain contact with BLARENBY in an effort to develop him into a racial informant.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-2414)

INVESTIGATIONS OF KLAN AND VIOLENCE,
STATES OF LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI
RM

ReButel, 7/3/64, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies and for Memphis one copy of a letterhead memorandum captioned, "Investigation of Klan and Violence, State of Mississippi," which contains information regarding the existing Klan groups in the State of Mississippi, the organizational breakdown, the state leaders, etc. As instructed in referenced Bureau teletype, one copy of the enclosed letterhead memorandum is being sent directly to Departmental Attorney WALTER SHERIDAN, at Jackson, Miss.

The confidential sources mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum are as follows:

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1 - Departmental Attorney WALTER SHERIDAN,
Room 450, Milner Bldg., 210 S. Lamar, Jackson, Miss. (Enc. 1)
1 - Memphis (Info.) (Enc. 1)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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New Orleans, Louisiana
July 7, 1964

INVESTIGATION OF KLAN AND VIOLENCE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

The following are the Klan groups operating in the State of Mississippi:

1. The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi,
2. United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,
3. Mississippi Ku Klux Klan.

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that on February 15, 1964, 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan from the State of Mississippi met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. At this meeting these members voted to defect from the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) and form their own Klan group to be called the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM).

According to WKKKKOM literature, this group is made up of native white Mississippians and is not affiliated with any other Klan organization possibly operating in the State of Mississippi and headed by people outside of the State of Mississippi.

This same first confidential source has advised that along organizational lines of the WKKKKOM, the State of Mississippi is divided into five districts, and these districts will always remain the same as the United States Congressional Districts in geographical boundaries.

This same first confidential source and a second confidential source who has also furnished reliable information in the past have advised that the headquarters of the

3 - Bureau
1 - Departmental Attny WALTER SHERIDAN, Rm 405, Milner Bldg.,
210 S. Lamar, Jackson, Miss.

5 - Memphis (Info)
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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

WKKKKOM is considered to be Laurel, Mississippi, which is the residence of Samuel Bowers, the Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM.

These same two confidential sources plus a third confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past have advised that the following are the state officers of the WKKKKOM:

Samuel Bowers, Laurel, Mississippi, Imperial Wizard;

Julius Harper, Crystal Springs, Mississippi, Grand Dragon;

Billy Buckles, Roxie, Mississippi, Grand Giant;

A. C. Harrington, Ruth, Mississippi, Grand Secretary;

Ernest Gilbert, Brookhaven, Mississippi, Chief of Klan Bureau of Investigation (KBI);

Paul Foster, Natchez, Mississippi, State Chaplain.

The following are Klaverns of the WKKKKOM and their officers:

Adams County Klavern,
Natchez, Mississippi

The second confidential source previously mentioned has advised that as of June 14, 1964, the following are officers of the Adams County Klavern of the WKKKKOM:

Paul Foster, Exalted Cyclops (also State Chaplain);

Frank Gaston, Assistant Exalted Cyclops

Charles Saunders, Secretary-Treasurer

Douglas Byrd, Lecturer

West Jackson Klavern,
Hinds County, Jackson
Mississippi

A fourth confidential source who has furnished

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reliable information in the past has advised that as of June 25, 1964, the following individuals were officers of the West Jackson Klavern:

Price Gray, Exalted Cyclops

Billy Mitchell, Treasurer

A. A. Rhodes, Secretary

Jack O'Neal, Lecturer

Laurel Klavern,
Laurel, Mississippi

The first confidential source previously mentioned has advised that the following are officers of the Laurel Klavern of the WKKKKOM:

B. F. Hinton, Exalted Cyclops

Lawrence Byrd, Secretary

Paul Richards, Assistant Exalted Cyclops

Donald Henshaw, Treasurer

A fifth confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that the following are active members of the Lawrence County Klavern of the WKKKKOM:

Lawrence County Klavern
Lawrence County, Mississippi

Dan W. Ready

Troy Wallace

Tom Davis

Erskin Ward

Kenneth Ward

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Smith County, Mississippi

The fourth confidential source previously mentioned advised that (FNU) Burke is the current Exalted Cyclops of the Smith County Klavern at Raleigh, Mississippi, and that Glenn Tullos was the former Exalted Cyclops of this Klavern.

Jasper County, Mississippi

This same fourth confidential source has advised that the following are the officers of the Jasper County Klavern at Bay Springs, Mississippi:

Charles Holder, Exalted Cyclops

Tom Green, Assistant Exalted Cyclops

Ralph Campbell, Secretary

Lee Harrison, Treasurer

Yazoo County, Mississippi

A sixth confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that the following are the Klan leaders at Yazoo City, Mississippi:

James Isaac Roberts

W. Lee Wright

George Taylor

Simpson County, Mississippi

A seventh confidential source with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability advised that the following are active members of the Simpson County Klavern:

E. W. Pearson

"Runt" Mangum

Dewitt Mangum

Billy Hudson

Joseph McNair

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.

An eighth confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, which is headed by Robert Shelton, the Imperial Wizard of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, has a Klavern located in Pike County, Mississippi. This source advised that the following are the leaders and active members of the Pike County Klavern:

Jake Stringer

Howard Mathews

W. R. Lowery

Emmitt Thornhill, Sr.

Jake P. Leggett

Eddie Smith

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MISSISSIPPI KU KLUX KLAN

Biloxi, Mississippi

Walter Anderson Bailey has been identified through newspaper accounts and by his own admission to Special Agents of the FBI in the past that he is the Imperial Wizard of the Mississippi Ku Klux Klan.

MISCELLANEOUS

A ninth confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised in January, 1964, that the following were the state officers of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan for the State of Mississippi, as of January 11, 1964, prior to the formation of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi:

Billy Jack Caston, Liberty, Mississippi, Grand Dragon;

Harold Beckmer, Tylertown, Mississippi, Chief of KBI;

Johnnie Harold Simmons, Tylertown, Mississippi, Grand Giant;

Winifred R. Lowery, Johnstons Station, Mississippi, Grand Chaplain;

Charlie Stringer, McComb, Mississippi, Grand Kleagle;

E. L. Caston, Liberty, Mississippi, personal representative in the State of Mississippi for Royal Virgil Young, Sr., who was at that time Imperial Wizard of the OKKKK.

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APPENDIX

ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
(LOUISIANA)
(OKKKK)

A source advised on October 25, 1963, that in December, 1960, a group was organized at Shreveport, Louisiana, known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). The purpose of this organization was to promote Americanism, white supremacy, and the maintaining of segregation.

This source further advised on October 25, 1963, that the OKKKK continues to be active and that the aims and purposes continue to be the same.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted by the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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MISSISSIPPI KU KLUX KLAN

On April 30, 1959, a source said he had received information that Walter A. Bailey had been in the Biloxi, Mississippi, area for several months and indicated he planned to organize the klan.

On March 14, 1960, a second source advised that on February 27, 1960, Bailey said he was organizing an independent klan in Mississippi.

On March 1, 1960, a third source said that on that date, Bailey announced the re-organization of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in the State of Mississippi, under a charter issued by the State of Georgia on December 10, 1959.

A fourth source reported that at a Special Klonklave meeting of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., at Atlanta, Georgia, on January 8, 1961, W. A. Bailey of Biloxi, Mississippi, was elected Imperial Klaliff.

On March 8, 1961, a fifth source advised he had joined the klan in Mississippi and Bailey gave him a membership card in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Klan 1, Realm of Mississippi.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1962)

DATE: 7/7/64

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF
MISSISSIPPI
RM

On 6/28/64 Father LEONE, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Meridian, Miss., furnished to SA V. P. DOHERTY the following printed material which he advised he had either received through the mail or had been left in his church:

1. A one-page printed piece of paper entitled "Here are 20 Reasons Why You Should If Qualified Join, Aid and Support the White Knights of the KKK of Miss."
2. A one-page printed sheet of paper containing the aims and purposes of captioned organization.
3. A two-page printed piece of material captioned "The Most Awful Disease of our Time."

The above-described material can be located in the 1A section of 157-1962.

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PLANS OF KLAN GROUPS TO INFILTRATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, RM.

REBUTELCALL ~~TO DAY~~. JULY SEVEN INSTANT

EDWARD M. COWAN, PATROLMAN, MISSISSIPPI HWY. SAFETY PATROL,
LAUREL, MISS., IS THE ONLY KNOWN MEMBER OF MHSP KNOWN TO BE CURRENT
MEMBER OF WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI PAREN
WKKKK OM END PAREN. THE ABOVE IS KNOWN ONLY TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], AND NO OTHER SOURCES.

BILLY MARTIN, PATROLMAN, MHSP, HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A FORMER
MEMBER OF THE JASPER COUNTY KLAVERN, BAY SPRINGS, MISS., BUT HAS
DISASSOCIATED HIMSELF FROM KLAN. THIS INFORMATION KNOWN ONLY TO

[REDACTED] AND NO OTHER SOURCE.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE ONLY KNOWN SHERIFF WHO HAS BEEN
IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER OF THE WKKKK OM. O-DELL ANDERS, ADAMS
COUNTY, NATCHEZ, MISS. THIS IS ONLY KNOWN THROUGH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND NO OTHER SOURCE.

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IN ADDITION E. L. CASTON, FORMER SHERIFF, AMITE COUNTY, MISS., HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A KLAN MEMBER AND THIS IS KNOWN ONLY THROUGH

[REDACTED] JULIUS HARPER, A FORMER SHERIFF OF COPIAH COUNTY, MISS., HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE GRAND DRAGON OF THE WKKKK OM BY [REDACTED]

RE CHIEFS OF POLICE.

ON MARCH NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, [REDACTED] RI PAR-
EN PROB PAREN REPORTED THAT MEMBERS OF THE ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE ~~PAREN~~
KKK FROM BOGALUSA, LA. TRAVELED TO COLUMBIA, MISS. WHERE THEY WERE
ALLEGED TO HAVE INITIATED THE CHIEF OF POLICE, COLUMBIA, MISS.
INFORMANT DID NOT KNOW CHIEFS NAME, HOWEVER ACCORDING TO RECORDS
OF NEW ORLEANS OFFICE FLOYD HODGES IS CHIEF OF POLICE, COLUMBIA,
MISS.

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KNOWN TO BE
MEMBERS OF WKKK OM. REESE LINDSEY, ROBERT CROSS, GRADY LEVERETTE,
WILLIE STROUD, SPOOK MARTIN, CAPT. J. G. WISNER, ALL OF THE NATCHEZ,
MISS., PD. MARIO HERNANDEZ, FORMER DEPUTY SHERIFF, ADAMS COUNTY SO,
J. D. CRAWFORD, CONSTABLE, DISTRICT NO. FIVE, AND JUSTICE OF THE

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PEACE FLYNN WELLS, DIST. NO. FIVE, NATCHEZ. THE ABOVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE ONLY KNOWN TO [REDACTED] AND NO OTHER SOURCE.

JERRY SMITH, PATROLMAN, LAUREL, MISS. PD, EDWARD WADSWORTH, ASST. CITY MARSHAL, ELLISVILLE, MISS.; JUSTICE OF THE PEACE WILLIE L. SANFORD, BEAT NO. FIVE, COVINGTON COUNTY, MISS.; HURSTON STRINGER, AND HOWARD R. COX, GAME WARDENS, MISSISSIPPI GAME AND FISH COMMISSION, LAUREL, MISS. THESE MEMBERS ARE KNOWN ONLY THROUGH [REDACTED].

EDDIE SMITH, PATROLMAN, MC COMB, MISS. PD, IS A MEMBER OF THE PIKE COUNTY KLAVERN OF THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KKK, AND THIS IS ONLY KNOWN THROUGH [REDACTED].

J. P. MOORE, NIGHT CITY MARSHAL, BOLTON, MISS., AND DEPUTY SHERIFF OF HINDS COUNTY, SHERIFFS OFFICE, JACKSON, MISS., ONLY KNOWN THROUGH [REDACTED]. NOEL WINN PAREN PHONETIC PAREN, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, RANKIN COUNTY AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE, ONLY KNOWN THROUGH [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] WOODY MATHEWS, DEPUTY SHERIFF, COPIAH COUNTY, HAZELHURST, MISS., ONLY KNOWN THROUGH [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] FNU BURCHFIELD, CONSTABLE, DIST. NO. THREE, FENWICK, MISS.,
PAREN NEAR NATCHEZ PAREN ONLY KNOWN THROUGH [REDACTED].

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF SUSPECTED KLAN MEMBERS. DANIEL
JONES, SHERIFF, AMITE COUNTY, MISS., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS REPORTED THAT JONES ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE PIKE
COUNTY KLAVERN OF THE UKA.

LUTHER STEVENSON, CONSTABLE, BEAT NO. FOUR, RANKIN COUNTY,
MISS., SOURCE IS [REDACTED], A RESIDENT OF DELAHATCHIE, MISS.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, [REDACTED] HAS
REPORTED THAT ONE QUOTE TINY END QUOTE LEWIS, A MEMBER OF THE
WKKKK OM, NATCHEZ, MISS., IS ALLEGED TO BE A QUOTE COLONEL UNQUOTE
ON THE STAFF OF GOVERNOR PAUL JOHNSON OF MISSISSIPPI.

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[REDACTED] HAS REPORTED THAT A
SHERIFF PAREN NAME UNKNOWN PAREN FROM TYLERTOWN, MISS. HAD
ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY KLAVERN OF THE UKA. RECORDS
OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE LIST J. C. KNIPPERS OF TYLERTOWN, MISS.
AS THE SHERIFF OF WALTHALL COUNTY.

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM MEMPHIS /157-329/ 2P/

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI. RM.
RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE BUREAU TO MEMPHIS THIS DATE.

THE ONLY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER KNOWN DEFINITELY TO THIS
OFFICE TO BE MEMBER OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO JOINED KLAN AT REQUEST OF
COP BURNLEY, GREENVILLE, IN ORDER TO FURNISH INFORMATION TO
BURNLEY RE KLAN ACTIVITY. BURNLEY VERY COOPERATIVE WITH THIS
OFFICE AND FURNISHES TO RA, GREENVILLE, ANY INFORMATION HE
OBTAINS FROM WAGES.

[REDACTED] RACIAL INFORMANT /PROBATIONARY/. ADVISED
ON JULY THREE LAST THAT ELMER R. BROWN, A PATROLMAN OF THE
GREENVILLE PD, HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY THE KLAN AND WAS ENTIRELY
SYMPATHETIC WITH THE ORGANIZATION BUT WAS AFRAID TO JOIN FOR
FEAR HE WOULD LOSE HIS PENSION AND RETIREMENT FROM THE
GREENVILLE PD. [REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] IS MEMBER

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OF THE KLAN. HE ALSO STATED THAT SHERIFF JOHN DURHAM,
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISS., IS SYMPATHETIC TO THE KLAN BUT
THAT HE IS NOT A MEMBER. [REDACTED] STATED BILLY JO JENNINGS,
A FORMER MEMBER OF THE GREENVILLE PD, IS A MEMBER OF THE KLAN.

[REDACTED] HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED SUFFICIENTLY TO
EVALUATE HIS RELIABILITY, ALTHOUGH MUCH OF THE INFORMATION HE
HAS FURNISHED HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY INDEPENDENT SOURCES.

COP BURNLEY HAS REQUESTED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF WAGES
IN THE KLAN BE RETAINED IN THE STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE.

[REDACTED] MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MISS.,
CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED JUNE THIRTY NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR THAT
ALLEN BUSBY, TOM BURCHFIELD, DANIEL FIELDER, AND TRAVIS
MIDDLETON ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING MEMBERS OF THE KLAN AND
ARE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF/S OFFICE AUXILIARY
POLICE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, AND RESIDE AT WINONA, MISS.

CONTINUING EFFORTS BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY ANY OTHER
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE KLAN. P.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
July 6, 1964

RACIAL SITUATION,
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI -
RACIAL MATTERS

Sheriff Edward McDonnell, Harrison County, furnished a copy of a circular dropped over the Gulf Coast on the night of July 2, 1964 by a low flying airplane. This circular was captioned "The Klan Ledger at the Official Publication of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, Special Gulf Coast Edition Pre-Fourth of July." The article states, "The black savages have threatened that they intend to turn the Gulf Coast into the Congo Coast on the 4th of July. All residents and merchants are hereby cautioned to be extremely careful and alert to any threat of gangsterism or hoodlunism in the Gulf Coast area on that date. We are not going to have a duplication of the street fights and chaos that have been going on in St. Augustine and Jacksonville--. National Police Agents, under the direction of Bobby Kennedy, will be present with cameras to take pictures of the violence which they hope to be able to provoke. These people want Mississippi placed under martial law--. Do not fight the blacks. Avoid trouble. Run and get the police if the blacks show up--. Get women and children out of trouble areas immediately--. The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan makes a solemn promise to the white people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast that if they will ignore and frustrate the blacks on the 4th of July and let the duly authorized officers of the law handle them, that we knights will deal the leaders of these mobs a thorough brank of justice for the humiliation and sorrow you are suffering--. Needless to say we will have our agents all over the Coast on that date observing both white and black trouble makers--. If our politicians haven't the courage and moral fiber to stand up and fight integration and communism with the law as their shield, the Christian citizens of this state will form discipline rank to provide protection for our citizens."

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RE: RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

On July 2, 1964, W. C. Shoemaker, reporter, "Daily News", Jackson, Mississippi, informed that he understood that Charles Evers, Field Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), State of Mississippi, had been denied a voter registration application because he had not been a resident of Mississippi for two years.

On the same date, Paul Chevigny, Lawyer's Constitutional Defense Committee, 538 1/2 North Parish Street, Jackson, informed of the following:

Mr. SAMUEL King, came into his office on that date accompanied by Charles Evers, Field Secretary, NAACP. Mr. King stated that he had attempted to register at the County Courthouse in Jackson before Deputy Registrar McCloud. He was accompanied by seven other Negroes all of whom were allowed to take the examination, but were refused registration on the basis they had not passed the examinations. Deputy Registrar McCloud was reported to have refused King a registration card.

Chevigny stated that it is his understanding all seven individuals referred to above, have been citizens of Hinds County for two or more years.

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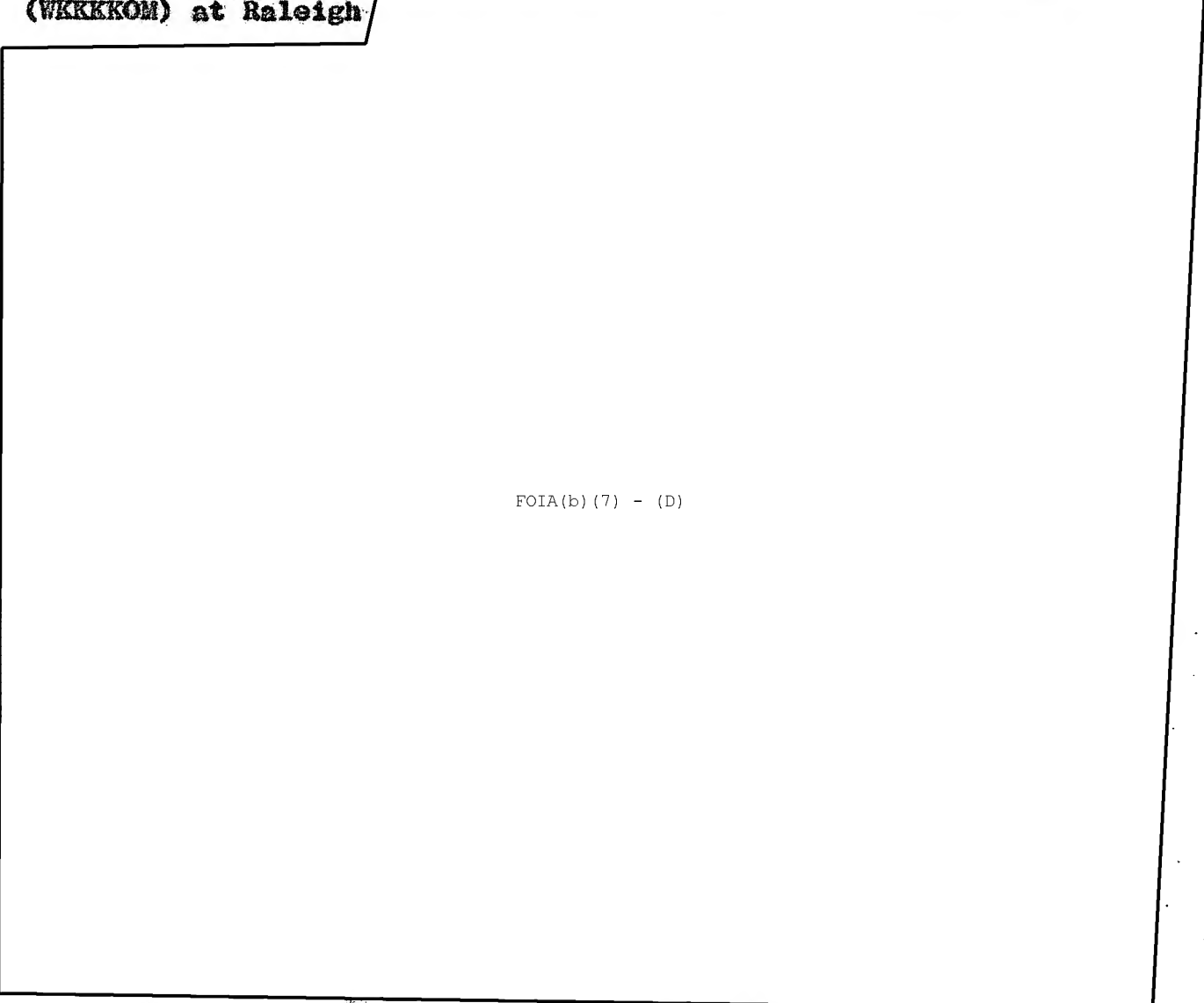
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July 6, 1964
Stringer, Mississippi

Informant advised that on July 5, 1964, he went to Raleigh, Mississippi, where he contacted Burt Daniels, Exalted Cyclops of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) at Raleigh



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Informant stated that Patrolman Billy Martin, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Bay Springs, has withdrawn from the WKKKKOM at Bay Springs.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1995) DATE: 7/6/64

FROM: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON

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SUBJECT: KKK ACTIVITY
HINDS COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI
RM

The following information is to be treated as confidential and the sources fully protected in any DISSEMINATION made.

On 6/26/64, Assistant Chief of Police M. B. PIERCE, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, furnished the following information concerning the KKK activity. This information was furnished to PIERCE on 6/25/64, by [redacted]

[redacted] who is a member of a Klavern in Hinds County, Mississippi, as an informant for the

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- 2- 157-1975 (J. N. FORTENBERRY)
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- 2- 157-NEW (W. L. BARRETT)
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Jackson Police Department:

On the night of 6/24/64, there was a county-wide meeting of the KKK in Hinds County held at the east end of Elton Road on the Pearl River just outside of Jackson. Approximately 60 to 70 persons attended. The purpose of the meeting was to draw the Units (Klaverns) of Hinds County together. Officers present were SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard; BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant; JULIUS HARPER, Official designation unknown. JULIUS HARPER spoke on secrecy and christianity in the organization. BILLY BUCKLES spoke on action and election of officers on a county level. SAM BOWERS talked about the need for the organization and secrecy.

The officers for Hinds County were elected as follows:

County Investigator is to be SID DAVIS, employed by the Singer Sewing Machine Company, Jackson.

(FNU) BOURDEN is to be County Co-ordinator, further identifying data on this individual unknown.

W. L. BARRETT was elected County Giant.

According to the informant's report, W. L. BARRETT was to head up a "wrecking crew" which would consist of three or four men from each Klavern in the County. This crew of BARRETT's would "do the dirty work."

All three of the speakers stressed action.

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BUCKLES advised against the use of dynamite or destruction of buildings and said that arson was a "much better route."

After the speeches, the informant asked BUCKLES why they had all the bombings in McComb if the organization was against the use of dynamite. BUCKLES reportedly said, "This is not us. That's the damn National Klan."

BUCKLES also told the informant and PRICE GRAY that he had collected \$900.00 of the \$1,200.00 needed for the "big job."

BUCKLES also told the informant "The Neshoba County Units are real young, but they certainly know what they're doing," and subsequently PRICE GRAY told the informant confidentially that one of the organizers named YATES told him that the Sheriff of Neshoba County was one of the first sworn into the Klan in that County.

J. N. FORTENBERRY, aka., NOLAN FORTENBERRY told the informant that he organized a Unit in Terry, Mississippi, last Saturday night, 6/20/64.

Informant reported that SHELDON BOUNDS, Chief of Police, Clinton, was present at the County meeting as was an ex-policeman, FNU LUCKEY, who once worked on the Jackson Police Department.

On 6/26/64, Deputy Chief J. L. RAY, Jackson Police Department, advised that the ex-policeman is identical with L. P. LUCKEY.

Deputy Chief RAY further advised that the Police Department informant had orally told him that ED STARNES had reported that he had been interviewed by FBI Agents and was "shook up about it." STARNES was reportedly told

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to "lay low" and not attend any meetings or engage in any Klan activities for three months.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The information concerning the Klan and the Sheriff in Neshoba County was telephonically furnished to SA FRANK A. SASS at Meridian, Mississippi, 6/26/64.

It is recommended that new 157 cases be opened on those individuals designated as 157- NEW on the first page of this memo.

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Heidelberg, Mississippi
July 4, 1964

Informant advised that he has received no information concerning the possible whereabouts of the three missing Civil Rights workers. He has not been to the Philadelphia, Mississippi area but has talked to several individuals from that vicinity.

He informed that on Saturday, June 27, 1964, there was a reported organizational klan meeting near Sylvarena, Mississippi in Smith County. He stated this organization reportedly has headquarters on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He believed that an individual by the name of (first name unknown) Bailey is the organizer. He said that according to his information, the individual trying to organize the klan in Smith County spoke from the back of a pick-up truck. There were about 20 individuals present, which included men, women and children.

Informant stated that recently he was in Raleigh, Mississippi talking with a group of klansmen which included Burt Daniels, the Exalted Cyclops of the Smith County klavern at Raleigh. Someone in the crowd mentioned that they had purchased some M-1 carbines for \$10 each. This individual later stated to some question from the crowd that the guns reportedly came from Alabama.

Informant stated that he did not make any inquiry at that time but recalls hearing the number 40 mentioned, which he believes to be the number of firearms obtained.

He said he would attempt to get additional information regarding this matter and would advise just as soon as he was able to do so.

Informant related that a district meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) was recently held at Mize, Mississippi, with about 15 or 20 individuals present. He heard that two of the state officials attended this meeting, however, he does not know their identities.

He stated that he has learned that a member of the WKKKKOM who lives at Burna, Mississippi, is reloading ammunition for any member of the klan who wishes to buy ammunition for a revolver or a shotgun.

Informant related that several klan members have citizen band radios in their cars bearing crystals 5, 7, 9, 15 and 22. He stated that there is no wide-spread use of the radios to his knowledge but some klaverns do have these radios at their disposal.

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RE: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
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ReButel 6/24/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to a trial of (FNU) MC KINNEY, the head of the Sligo Unit of the WKKKK.

Source mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum is .

Bureau will be advised of any additional developments.

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July 2, 1964

The Bogue Homa Hunting and Rifle Club met Tuesday night June 30, 1964 at 7:30 P.M. at its meeting hall. There were 33 men present. Those I can name are: B. F. Hinton, Paul Richards, Lawrence Byrd, Donald Henshaw, W. A. Grier, Maurice Flowers, Cecil Sessums, Herston Stringer, Raymond Ingram, FNU Myrick who runs a little cafe known as the loop on Chantilly St. FNU Graham, who is a group leader of the East group and livess off the lower Myrick Road. The two Lee men, both FNU. FNU Ishee, FNU Hurst, two Pitts men FNU. J. B. Clark, Grady Chance.

The reports were strange cars in town, boys selling magazine or encloyclopedia and Bibles and Dictionary. They told some people after they had paid them that they had just donated to the NACP.

Herston Stringer wanted a volunteer to help him talk to a Negro in Ellisville about going in a house an some small children, Donald Henshaw was selected. They wanted 5 volunteer for 5:30 Sunday morning. Donald Henshaw got 2 volunteers to help him on a project and B. F. Hinton and an old Gentleman agreed to go with him.

Lawrence Byrd said they had 5 projects going and for the men not to be in the vicinity of any of them.

Grady Chance drove B. F. Hinton car back and B. F. got the leather strap and went with someone else, I don't know who.

Herston Stringer said the Ellisville men want to charter because they are afraid of this group.

I am enclosing "The Citizen Patriot," that was passed around at the meeting.

Herston Stringer says that any man that goes with him, and leaves him, that he will shoot him.

A Mr. Lee about 55 years old saw me Saturday night and said he and Harry LNU had been shooting at some flood lights on a Negro house. It was just he and I talking, no one else was present. He drives a GMC pick up truck, tag # 48033 and works at Masonite.

They are still looking and watching for the white people from the North in here and want their hands on them pretty bad.

They reported that the city officers said a cross was burned in front of Clinton Collins house, and said they had nothing to do with it. No more crosses for this group. Reports also were made of signs on the road near and at Bay Springs of KKK meeting Saturday night in that area. That is not this group either. They said it was a group out of Alabama or the

Old National group that was doing it. Lawrence Byrd said if we find out where they are meeting, a group will attend it.

B. F. Hinton says both groups could work on top of each other and get in trouble.

July 2, 1964

An initiation was held the night of June 25, 1964. They led us out past Ellisville almost to the Covington County line and was held in the woods. Some new names was picked up that might be of interest. Only 2 men were brought in and they were Sherman Beech, Jr. and Raymond Ingram of Moss, Miss. The other men that were there are: Herston Stringer, Donald Henshaw, W. A. Grier, Cecil Sessums, and Cecil Sessums' daddy FNU Thrash, FNU Hurst, FNU Robinson.

Another initiation is to be held this Thursday night July 2, and I understand there are to be 14 new men to come in.

THE CITIZEN-PATRIOT

A newsletter dedicated to truth and the Christian Civilization
"where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Laurel, Mississippi Wednesday, June 24, 1964

HISTORICAL NOTE - On May 10, 1964 at 1:38 A.M. a bomb was exploded in the pressroom of the Laurel Leader-Call. The Leader Call was once a local newspaper, but has been under the control of an International Publishing Cartel, which is allegedly based in Canada. The bomb was placed in such a way that no real damage was done to either the press or the building structure. The local agent of the cartel which operates the paper is J. W. West, who is a brother of the notorious Ben West of Nashville, Tennessee. Both of these persons are active in civic affairs and are skillful agitators for integration, confiscation of private property, and domestic violence. Both deny that they are communists, but the facts show that they invariably support the communist side of any question and constantly push for the fulfillment of communist goals. "A rose by any other name _____"

Remember how peaceful and prosperous Laurel was in the Pre-"Historical" period before J. W. West came to town? Back when the newspaper was operated by local citizens for local citizens? Back when the emphasis was on dignity, good manners and the cultured social life of the community? Alas; we failed to appreciate what benefits we had at that time. But we can certainly understand what a problem we have now with this communist propagand mill and its Hand Maiden of Violence.

J. W. West has maneuvered himself into a position from which he can effectively sabotage any progress which the citizens of Laurel can build. He insinuates himself upon every committee for economic betterment, (COFO, committee of 100, etc.) and then proceeds to waste, frustrate and dissipate the efforts and contributions of the honest members. Laurel is fast falling behind the rest of this state economically and West is primary responsible. Laurel must lose West and his International Publishing Cartel before she can take any significant economic gain. Every intelligent, honest, and sober citizen and merchant should take steps at once to cancel his subscription and reduce or cut out his advertising support to this dangerous publication which is destroying the economic, social, and peaceful life of this community.

Why not call right now and cancel your subscription? You may use the Citizen-Patriot as a reference, if you wish. The number of the Leader-Call is 428-0551. The personal number of J. W. West is 428-0397.

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Brief description of activity or material Identities of WKKK members, Magee, Miss.		File where original is located if not attached <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 30px;"></div>

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In authenticating report informant used code name
"JAMES KING" which he will use in all future contacts.

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Members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Magee, Mississippi are E. W. PEARSON, "RUNT" MANGUM, DEWITT MANGUM, and BILLY HUDSON.

E. W. PEARSON is owner of Pearson's Barber Shop, Magee.

BILLY HUDSON is owner of Magee Bankrupt Fire Sale Store, Magee.

The wives of these WKKK members complained of their attending Friday evening meetings so meetings have been discontinued.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-

DATE: 7/2/64

FROM : SA JOHN B. LEE, JR.

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SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITY - SIMPSON
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

On 6/25/64, [redacted] Magee, Miss., and employed by Magee Saw Mill Co., advised that he is not a member of the APWR or KKK. He said he is opposed to the KKK.

[redacted] advised that he has heard of the KKK in in Magee but does not know any of its members.

[redacted] stated that he would consider joining the KKK and furnish information regarding the KKK to the FBI. [redacted] said he would advise SA LEE in a few days concerning the possibility of joining the KKK.

On 6/25/64, HOWARD VARNER, Sheriff, Simpson Co., Miss., stated that [redacted] of Magee, Miss. is presently on probation for arson and is a heavy drinker.

VARNER stated that [redacted] set fire to his girl friend's car several months ago, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of arson, and received a 2 year suspended sentence.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Will continue efforts to definitely determine the existence, members, and activities of the KKK in Simpson Co.

Will maintain contact with [redacted] Magee, who has previously advised he would discreetly obtain through [redacted] W. R. MANGUM, an APWR organizer, any information concerning the existence, members, and activities of the KKK in Simpson Co.

Will maintain contact with C. B. BANARD, Constable, Magee, and ALBERT BLAKNEY, Standard Service Station, Hwy. 49, Magee, for any information they may be able to develop regarding the KKK in Simpson Co., Miss.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-

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FROM : SA JOHN B. LEE, JR.

SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITY - Simpson County,
Mississippi.

On 6/24/64, Mrs. ANNIE WILL SMITH, Postmaster, Shivers, Mississippi, (Pop. 100), advised that she is unaware of any Americans for the Preservation of the White Race or Ku Klux Klan existing in Shivers.

She stated that sometime during the middle of May, 1964, a cross was burned on the New Hebron (Lawrence County) High School grounds.

She also stated that her cook, NEALIE REECE, Shivers, Mississippi, told her that sometime in April, 1964, a cross was burned in front of her (REECE's) Church, the James Chapel, Shivers.

On 6/24/64, WILL MYERS, MYERS Grocery, Shivers, Mississippi, advised that he is unaware of any KKK or APWR in Shivers. He stated he would contact the F.B.I. should any information concerning the KKK or APWR come to his attention.

On 6/24/64, Mrs. E.A. ASHLEY, Oak Grove (Pop. 50), Mississippi, advised that she is unaware of any KKK or APWR in Oak Grove. She stated that her husband, Mr. E.A. ASHLEY is an employee of the Mississippi Highway Department, Jackson, Mississippi. (Mrs. ASHLEY manifested a hostile and uncooperative attitude during this inquiry.)

On 6/24/64, Reverend LAWRENCE E. SMITH, Pastor, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Oak Grove, Mississippi, advised that he is unaware of any KKK or APWR in Oak Grove. He said he has a congregation of approximately 150,

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but does not believe any of his congregation are members of the KKK or APWR. He said he would contact the F.B.I. should any information regarding the KKK or APWR come to his attention.

On 6/24/64, GEORGE E. TINDALL, Owner Tindall's Drug Store, Magee, Mississippi, advised that he is unaware of any KKK in Magee. He stated that he is a member of the APWR in Magee and attends their meetings regularly. He said that the APWR's objectives are to handle peacefully any problems arising out of Negro demonstrations and other related incidents. He said that he does not believe in the KKK and that if the APWR practice KKK principles, he would cease to be a member.

On 6/24/64, PAUL KENNEDY, Chief of Police, Magee, Mississippi, advised that he has not developed any information regarding the KKK. He advised that Pearson's Barber Shop, which is the focal point of male activity in the town of Magee, is owned by E.W. PEARSON, Magee.

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ReNOairtel 6-11-64, concerning plan of above-captioned organization to send two members of each Klavern to areas of demonstrations to assist regular law enforcement officers.

Advise Bureau present status this matter. Furnish pertinent developments in letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

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head, Sligo Group, WKKKK.

Immediately submit original and seven copies of LHM
suitable for dissemination containing pertinent details, including
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**RACIAL SITUATION
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

This is to advise that the following informants were contacted on the dates indicated, by whose names are set forth, regarding the racial situation in the State of Mississippi:

On 6/18/64 SA C. W. BONE contacted [REDACTED]

On 6/19/64 SA BONE contacted [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

All of these informants advised that to their knowledge there is no Klan-type organization presently operating in Warren County, Miss., and they knew of no information regarding any planned racial demonstrations in the Vicksburg, Miss., area during this summer.

[REDACTED] RI (Prob) were contacted on 6/20/64 and 6/19/64, respectively, and informed that they had no information regarding the dynamite stolen at Mize, Mississippi.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-

DATE: 7/1/64

FROM : SA JOHN B. LEE, JR.

SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITY - SIMPSON
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

On 6/23/64, A. B. CARDWELL, Postmaster & retired Major, U. S. Army, Harrisville, Miss., advised that he is unaware of any klan activity in Harrisville. He said that he was approached by some individuals several weeks ago to join the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR) and the Ku Klux Klan (KKK). He said that he declined to join either organization because of his position but would probably stand behind such organizations if the Federal Government continues to interfere with the rights of the individual. CARDWELL expressed other hostile opinions about the Government and Negroes and at no time did he indicate he would assist the FBI in its investigation into the activities of the KKK.

On 6/23/64, R. O. AMASON, Principal, Harrisville High School, Harrisville, Miss., advised that he is unaware of any KKK in Harrisville. He said that he has heard of the APWR but did not know any members or where the organization meets. He said he would contact the FBI should any information regarding the KKK or APWR come to his attention.

On 6/23/64, Mrs. ARCHIE PATTERSON, Postmaster, Pinola, Miss., advised that she is unaware of any KKK or APWR activity in Pinola. She said that she would notify the FBI should any information regarding the KKK or APWR come to her attention.

On 6/23/64, PAUL DOUGLAS, age 16, Pinola, Miss., and son of Rev. J. DOUGLAS, Baptist Church, Pinola, advised that he is unaware of the KKK or APWR in Pinola.

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On 6/23/64, BILL WILLIAMS, operator, Williams "66" Service Station, Pinola, Miss., advised that he is unaware of the KKK or APWR in Pinola. He said he would contact the FBI should any information regarding the KKK or APWR come to his attention.

On 6/23/64, M. M. WELCH, Chief of Police, Mendenhall, Miss., advised that he is unaware of any KKK in Mendenhall. He said that he does not believe any of his four man police department are members of the KKK.

WELCH stated that he recalls that the APWR held a meeting in the Simpson Co. Courthouse, Mendenhall, approximately one month ago. He said that he believes a JAMES SULLIVAN of D'Lo, Miss., had something to do with organizing the APWR. He said SULLIVAN is unemployed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated that if a klan did exist in Simpson Co. SULLIVAN would be a member.

WELCH stated he would attempt to determine if a klan does exist in Mendenhall and would advise the FBI should any information regarding the KKK or APWR come to his attention.

On 6/23/64, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] might be able to furnish information regarding the KKK and APWR. [REDACTED] stated that he would also attempt to obtain information on the KKK which he now believes is operating in Magee.

On 6/23/64, [REDACTED] Magee, Miss., advised that the KKK has existed in Magee for the past six months and that there are 40 to 50 members. He said that an individual from out of town, whose name he could not recall, organized the klan in Magee. He said that he was one of the first to be approached to join the KKK but he declined because of his position as a law enforcement officer.

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[] stated that many of Magee's leading citizens are members and are very active in it.

[] said that he believes he could obtain the names of some or all of the members and would be willing to furnish them to the FBI. He said that he would be willing to join the KKK in order to be in a better position to furnish information.

[] advised to call him noon, 6/30/64 (Magee 2527) and that he would arrange to turn over any information he obtained about the KKK to the FBI. He said that he also planned to attend a meeting of the APWR, Thursday evening, at the Community Center, Magee, Miss. [] was advised that this is voluntary and he should not consider himself a Bureau employee or "Undercover Agent".

On 6/24/64, RALPH TAYLOR, Mendenhall, Miss., and employee of the Illinois Central RR, advised that he was unable to attend the meeting of the APWR in Jackson, 6/23/64, and stated that he did not believe he could be of any assistance to the FBI in view of the fact that his job is going to require him to leave the state on 6/29/64.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

DATE: 7/1/64

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a written report which was received on 6/25/64, regarding a meeting of the Bogue Homa Hunting and Rifle Club, which was held on 6/23/64 near Laurel, Miss. This written report can be located in New Orleans file [redacted] UNCODED. It should be noted that informant has previously identified this hunting and rifle club as the cover name for the Laurel Klavern of the WKKKK.

Informant advised that the meeting was held at the regular meeting place and that 37 men were present at this meeting. He stated that HURSTON STRINGER and the other individual that were "sworn out" at the last week's meeting, were accepted back into the klavern.

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1-157-2004 (JONES COUNTY)
1-157- (HURSTON STRINGER)
1-157-1953 (B. F. HINTON)
1-157- (PAUL RICHARDS)
1-157-2091 (LAWRENCE BYRD)
1-157-2199 (FLOYD COLLINS)
1-157-2161 (DONALD HENSHAW)
1-157- (VIC GRAHAM)
1-157- (FNU MYRICK)
1-157- (FNU DEAN)
1-157- (FNU CLARK)
1-157- (FNU LEE)
1-157- (FNU HURST)
1-157- (FNU JONES)
1-157- (FNU BLACKLEDGE)
1-157- (VICTOR WALTERS)
1-157- (FNU BLAKELY)

1-157- (FNU SESSUMS)
1-157-2249 (CLINTON COLLINS)
1-157- (FNU ISHEE)
1-157- (FNU PITTS)
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Informant identified the following members as being in attendance:

B. F. HINTON
PAUL RICHARDS
LAWRENCE BYRD
FLOYD COLLINS
DONALD HENSHAW
W. A. GRIER

The nephew of ESTUS GRAHAM, whose first name is believed to be VIC, and who resides on Lower Myrick Road, and is the leader of the east group.

FNU MYRICK
FNU DEAN
CLARK the well digger
FNU LEE
FNU HURST
FNU JONES
FNU BLACKLEDGE
VICTOR WALTERS

The police officer by the name of WALTERS who has a right index finger missing.

FNU SESSUMS
FNU BLAKELY.

Informant stated that reports were given regarding the projects but that these reports were so incomplete that he could not determine the identity of the projects. It was indicated in one of these reports that the klan had scared some Negroes and had caused them to run through the swamp. A report was given that white girls were riding around with CLINTON C. COLLINS and that the project involving COLLINS is of the utmost concern to the klavern. It was reported that the white persons attending the Negro American Legion Hall are alleged to be eating and sleeping with the Negroes. Informant reported that HENSHAW takes one or two members with him every night riding around the Laurel area looking for something to do.

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Informant stated that during the main meeting, LAWRENCE BYRD was holding small private meetings in another room with the various group leaders of the klavern and the only persons who knew what was going on would be BYRD and the group leaders. BYRD has indicated that he gives these group leaders a project to complete and that the group leaders take whatever necessary action that they think is needed and on any occasion that they want to.

Informant stated that there is another initiation ceremony set for the up coming Thursday meeting and it is alleged there are to be nine candidates.

Informant also provided another report which was received on 6/25/64 regarding an initiation ceremony which was held on 6/18/64 and this report can also be located in [redacted]. Informant stated that initiation ceremony was performed in the basement of the residence of FNU MYRICK which is located off of Highway 84, East. He stated that he and the others met on a small dirt road behind the residence of DONALD HENSHAW and thereafter followed HENSHAW to MYRICK's residence where 8 new men were initiated. Informant stated that FNU BLAKELY, FNU ISHEE and FNU JONES were responsible for bringing in a new man and that the following names were mentioned as these new members FNU PITTS, FNU BOOPER, and that most of the new men were above 50 years of age.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

DATE: 7/1/64

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

On 6/14/64, [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following described printed material of captioned organization, which can be located in 157-1962-1A:

1. One page printed sheet of paper containing Ammendments to the Constitution of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
2. One page printed sheet of paper entitled "Orders of the Day" which contained the itinerary of the state meeting held on June 7, 1964 near Raliegh, Mississippi.
3. Four pages of printed material captioned "Executive Lecture of March 1, 1964."
4. Two pages of printed material entitled "Harrasment."

Informant stated that all of the above material was obtained at a state meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, WKKKK, held on June 7, 1964, near Raliegh, Mississippi. Informant also furnished a one page printed sheet of paper entitled "Wasp Inc." which he obtained at this same state meeting and this piece of printed material can be located in the New Orleans file for this organization.

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SA JOHN B. LEE, JR.

KLAN ACTIVITY - SIMPSON COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI

On 6/22/64, [redacted] Magee (5692), Miss., an employee of Illinois Central Railroad (ICRR), advised that he believes a JAMES DAVIS, Queen Circle Drive, Manager, L.A. Mosher Veterinarian, Dry Co., Jackson, Miss. FNU - LNU, an employee of an Ink Supply Co located next to the City Bus Barn, Jackson, Miss., and Rev. JIMMY D. DUKES, formerly of Jackson, are members of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK).

He said that on one occasion, approximately two months ago, while he was playing cards in DORIS' house, the game was interrupted by two men who came to discuss, mainly with DORIS, the KKK. He said that these men are unknown to him and that he never saw them again.

He said that DORIS has requested him on several occasions to join the KKK but that DORIS has not tried to contact him about it since April, 1964.

He said that Rev. JIMMY D. DUKES, has since moved away from Jackson, but believes he is residing somewhere in northern Mississippi, where he is the pastor of a Methodist Church.

He stated that he does not believe Sheriff HOWARD VARNER of Mendenhall (Simpson county) is a member of the KKK but believes (FNU) PALMER, Chief of Police, Mendenhall, could be a member because he is an extremist.

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He stated that he would attempt to join the KKK and furnish information regarding the activities of the KKK, specifically in Hinds and Simpson Counties for the FBI.

He added that because of the nature of his job, (welder for the ICRR) it requires him to be away from Jackson for indefinite periods of time. He said that his job is going to require him to be away from Jackson beginning June 29, 1964, for an indefinite period. He said he would like to obtain employment in Jackson in order to be in a better position to join the KKK and would attempt to obtain such employment before June 29, 1964.

He stated that in any event, he plans to attend the meeting of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race to be held, Tuesday, June 23, 1964, in the Odd Fellows Hall, Jackson, and would advise the FBI on what he learned.

[redacted] was advised that his action is voluntary and that he should not consider himself an "undercover agent" or bureau employee.

RECOMMENDATION

Will maintain contact with [redacted] for any information he may develop about the KKK but will postpone any effort to develop him into an RI until it is determined whether or not he will be in a position to furnish information on a consistent basis.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962) DATE: 7/1/64

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF
MISSISSIPPI
RM

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on June 4, 1964, a written report concerning a meeting of the Bogue Homa Hunting and Rifle Club, which was held near Laurel, Mississippi, on June 2, 1964. This report can be located in NO file [redacted]. It should be noted that informant has previously identified this club as the Laurel Klavern of the WKKKK.

Informant reported that the meeting started at 8:00 PM at the usual meeting place and that there were 19 men in attendance at this meeting. Informant identified

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- 1- 157-1962
 - 1- 157-2004
 - 1- 157-1953 (B. F. HINTON)
 - 1- 157-2091 (LAWRENCE BYRD)
 - 1- 157-GRADY CHANCE
 - 1- 157-2161 (DON HENSHAW)
 - 1- 157-PAUL THOMAS
 - 1- 157-2249 (CLINTON COLLINS)
 - 1- 157-HURSTON STRINGER

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the following members as in attendance: HINTON, BYRD, CHANCE, HENSHAW, THOMAS, DEAN, RICHARDS, GRIER, and a young preacher from Shady Grove.

Informant stated that it was discussed that a new project should be undertaken by the group in order to get the members interested in coming to the meetings and also to get the "Federal men" interested in something else. The project foremost in the Klan's eyes is in regards to the man who was involved in a wreck and drew a knife. However, the Klavern wants CLINTON COLLINS done away with more than any other individual.

Informant stated that it was indicated that there are at least two men in the Klavern that are giving out information and so the leaders of the Klavern have been feeding these two men information in order to catch them and when the two men are caught, they "will put their lights out."

Informant stated that in regards to the coming summer months and the trouble which is expected in the Laurel area and elsewhere, Mr. HENSHAW informed that in Waynesboro, Mississippi, a man came into a cafe wanting people to sign up on a committee to help fight the Negroes. This man is alleged to have had over 300 names. He told these people that he was from Laurel.

Informant stated that Mr. BYRD proposed finding out where the demonstrators eat and sleep and then the group leaders of the Klavern will have about three men in a car and can ambush the demonstrators on the way to their eating and sleeping quarters by using shotguns.

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Informant stated that there were 20 men present at an initiation of new members, which was held on the previous Saturday evening. This ceremony was held below Tucker's Crossing into the National Forest. Informant stated that to get to this place, they turned off on a road and drove about 3 or 4 miles back into the woods until this dirt road stopped. The ceremony took place on the hood of an automobile and 7 new members were initiated. Informant stated that it began to rain before the ceremony was completed, but that the names of some of these new members are as follows: WEST, GUICE, and CARLISLE. Informant stated that one of these new members wore a gun and had a leather blackjack in his hip pocket and that another initiation would be held on the following Saturday night. Informant stated that at this meeting it was claimed that there were quite a few men to be brought in as new members and that he is to meet at the Ouett sign on Highway 15 south to go to the location of the initiation.

Informant stated that he thinks the explosive point regarding the Klavern will be in the squads that are to be formed as executioners to shoot the Negroes going to their eating and sleeping areas. No one but the group leaders, who will select two members to go with the leader, will know who these individuals are.

Informant enclosed a piece of literature entitled "Harrasment" which he said had been put out by the State Officials of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, WKKKK.

Informant also furnished a one page printed piece of paper entitled "The Shape of Things to Come" which he said was received in the mail by JOHN HANNA, an individual who works for the informant.

The above two pieces of literature can be located in the 1-A section of 157-1962.

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962) DATE: 7/1/64

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISS.
RM

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on 6/14/64, a typewritten report regarding a combined meeting of the Morgantown and Adams County klaverns of the WKKKK which was held on 6/9/64, at Natchez, Miss. This report can be found in New Orleans file [redacted].

Informant reported that the purpose of this meeting was to combine the Morgantown and Adams County klavern into one klavern and that this was accomplished and the following officers were elected. This new klavern is to be known as the Adams County Klavern:

Exaulted Cyclops PAUL FOSTER

Assistant Exaulted Cyclops FRANK GASTON

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[redacted]
1-157-1339 (ADAMS COUNTY)
1-157-2151 (PAUL FOSTER)
1-157-2287 (FRANK GASTON)
1-157- (FNU GRIFFIN)
1-157- (CHARLES SANDERS)
1-157- (FNU MURRY)
1-157-2159 (ERNEST FINLEY)
1-157-1340 (DOUGLAS BYRD)
1-157-2122 (FNU MCKINNEY)
1-157- (CALVIN CLARK)
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Chaplain FNU GRIFFIN

Secretary-Treasurer CHARLES SANDERS

Inside Guard FNU MURRY

Outside Guard ERNEST FINLEY

Klavern Investigator JEFF LUKE

Lecturer DOUGLAS BYRD.

Informant stated that no other business was conducted at this meeting other than a discussion on security. This same informant furnished an additional report on June 14, 1964, regarding klan meeting held at Natchez, Miss., on 6/12/64. This report can also be located in New Orleans file .

Informant stated that approximately 40 members were present and that DOUGLAS BYRD gave a report on the state meeting. A talk was also given on the need for stronger security measures and the members were warned not to use the U. S. Mail or the telephone unless there was an emergency. The members were also informed that they would not be required to perform any klan duties in the event they might be selected to serve on either the auxiliary squads of the Police Department or the Sheriff's Office. They were told that if at any time while on duty with the police department or sheriff's office they saw a klansman commit an act of violence or any other unlawful act, they should arrest the klansman and place him in jail. All of the klansmen were again cautioned to remain at home or at their place of business in the event demonstrations took place this summer unless they were called for duty by a klavern officer. It was announced that all klan action undertaken would be at the direction of the officers and under the cover of darkness.

It was brought up at this meeting that the leader of the Sligo Unit would be tried for violations of the klan

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constitution at the regular county meeting on 6/13/64. Informant also furnished a written report regarding a county meeting of the WKKKK held on 6/13/64 at Natchez. He furnished this information on 6/14/64 by written report and this report can also be located in .

Informant reported that the entire meeting was devoted to holding a trial in which FNU MCKINNEY, the leader of the Sligo Unit was charged with violations of the klan constitution. Informant stated that MCKINNEY was charged by members of the Sligo Unit specifically for bringing one CALVIN CLARK into membership after CLARK's name had been removed from the list of prospective members. MCKINNEY was also charged with violation of security regulations in that he had allowed unauthorized persons to read klan mail and had also discussed a job that his unit had done in the presence of people who were not members of the klan.

Informant stated that a jury of 12 men were selected and that the hearing wound up in a mistrial and a new trial was set for the next county wide meeting.

Informant stated there were approximately 15 members present at the meeting.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1962)

DATE: 7/1/64

FROM : SUPV. PAUL R. ALKER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM

On 7/1/64 Mr. BOB GREENE with "Newsday", New York City, telephoned from Jackson, Miss. and advised that he is writing an article on the reactivation of the Ku Klux Klan in the South. He stated he had traveled in Florida and other Southern states and obtained comments concerning the klan and desired the opinion of this office as to whether there had been an increase in KKK activity. He was informed that this office could render no opinion in such a matter and he stated he would rephrase his question and ask whether we had received more reports of klan activity. He was advised that no comment could be made on this subject. He stated, "Well, there's no harm in trying," and hung up.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

6/30/64

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on June 18, 1964, a written report regarding a meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, held on June 16, 1964, near Laurel, Mississippi. This report can be located in NO file [redacted].

Informant reported that the Bogue Homa Hunting and Rifle Club met at 7:30 PM at its club house on June 16, 1964. Informant has previously reported that this club is actually the Laurel Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Informant reported that there were 29 men in attendance and identified the following individuals: B. F. HINTON, DONALD HENSHAW, J. B. CLARK, MAURICE FLOWERS, COWAN, the Highway Patrolman, LAWRENCE BYRD, W. A. GRIER, FLOYD COLLINS, HURSTON STRINGER, BILLY OR BOBBY CROWLEY, FNU LEE, FNU PITTS, FNU ISHEE, and is friend FNU DEAN.

[redacted]	1 - 157-	(HURSTON STRINGER)
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1 - 157-2004		
1 - 157-1953 (B. F. HINTON)	1 - 157-	(FNU LEE)
1 - 157-2161 (DONALD HENSHAW)	1 - 157-	(FNU PITTS)
1 - 157- (J. B. CLARK)	1 - 157-	(FNU ISHEE)
1 - 157- (MAURICE FLOWERS)	1 - 157-	(FNU DEAN)
1 - 157- (EDWARD M. COWAN)	1 - 157-	(ED WADSWORTH)
1 - 157-2091 (LAWRENCE BYRD)		
1 - 157-2199 (FLOYD COLLINS)	SMC/mrk	
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Informant reported that after this meeting was about three quarters completed, members HURSTON STRINGER and CROWLEY voluntarily were sworn out of the klan. ED WADSWORTH thought that STRINGER and CROWLEY had deliberately led him away from the initiation of new members which had occurred a week ago on a Saturday night. STRINGER and CROWLEY felt that by voluntarily leaving the klan, it would prove that they had not deliberately led WADSWORTH astray and WADSWORTH and other unknown members are alleged to be contacting STRINGER and CROWLEY and asked them to resume their membership.

B. F. HINTON insinuated that he thought he knew who the "leak" in the klan was, and stated he was going to make this person leave the State of Mississippi only after he had beaten this individual half to death. HINTON said that this person was a mason and had taken the same oath as he had.

Informant stated that LAWRENCE BYRD was busy meeting secretly with the group leaders of each section of the klavern. FNU ISHEE was appointed the group leader of the north group because the previous leader of this group never attended meetings.

Informant reported that LAWRENCE BYRD told the members not to think anything about the conferences he was holding with the group leaders because if the members wanted to join one of the projects, that the member should contact his group leader.

Informant stated that the report was given on a Negro's attending the Episcopalian Church located on Fifth Avenue in Laurel and that his attendance had caused no incident. It was indicated that by this action the people in Laurel accept integration, while the people in St. Augustine, Florida, fight integration. It was indicated that this Negro was to have attended this church a week previous and was claimed that 20 men were ready for him but that the Negro did not show up. Informant stated that another report was given which alleged that white girls and boys had been attending the Negro's American Legion Home on the previous Saturday night.

B. F. HINTON said that these persons were being hunted and that he wanted to get his hands on them. HINTON stated that one group of klansmen could pick these people up or anyone else the klan wanted to whip and take them into the country somewhere and tie them to a tree and then turn

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the individuals over to another group which could actually do the whipping so that they did not get caught. HINTON said that some people thought he was not doing anything and that if these individuals felt that they could do a better job that they could have his job.

HINTON said he spent a couple days in the Woolsworth and Kress stores during the preceding week as it was alleged the Negroes were supposed to come in and attempt to be served at the lunch counter. He said his reason for being in the stores was that he wanted to "let the air" out of one of the Negroes that might sit next to him.

Informant stated that there was no initiation on the previous Saturday evening and this initiation is now rescheduled for the upcoming Thursday night.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-NEWO)

DATE: 6/30/64

FROM : SA JOHN B. LEE, JR.

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SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITY
SIMPSON COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI

Re memo of SA JOHN B. LEE, JR. dated 6/30/64.

On 6/19/64, THOMAS NEELEY, Postmaster, Braxton, Mississippi, advised that he is unaware of any Ku Klux Klan activity in Braxton, but heard of some cross burnings in the northern part of Simpson County, and Georgetown, Mississippi, (Copiah County). He said he has heard of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race, APWR, but does not know of any members or where this group holds its meetings.

On 6/19/64, [redacted] age 18, 11th grade student, and [redacted] age 15, 10th grade student, D'Lo, Mississippi, advised that Ku Klux Klan literature had been distributed in the town of D'Lo a few nights ago. They said they did not see who distributed the literature, but would attempt to obtain the license numbers of the vehicles and identities of the individuals distributing such literature and notify the FBI. They said they were unaware of any APWR organization in D'Lo.

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- 1- 157-KLAN ACTIVITY, COPIAH CO., MISS.
- 2- 157-KLAN ACTIVITY, SIMPSON CO., MISS.

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On 6/19/64, [REDACTED], D'Lo, Mississippi, advised that he is unaware of any Klan activity in D'Lo. He said that some Klan literature was distributed in D'Lo a few nights ago, but he could not recall its contents. He said he is unaware of the APWR. He further advised that he would be alert for any Klan activity in D'Lo and would immediately notify the FBI should any information regarding the Klan come to his attention.

On 6/19/64, [REDACTED] (Retired), [REDACTED] D'Lo, Mississippi, advised that she is unaware of any Klan activity in D'Lo, but some Klan literature was distributed in D'Lo several nights ago. [REDACTED] furnished a piece of literature titled "The Klan Ledger" (An Official Publication of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi) dated May 10, 1964. She stated that she is unaware of APWR. She said she would immediately notify the FBI should any information regarding the Klan or APWR come to her attention.

On 6/19/64, [REDACTED] D'Lo, Mississippi, advised that she is unaware of any Klan activity or APWR in D'Lo. She said she would immediately notify the FBI should any information regarding the Klan or APWR come to her attention.

[REDACTED] Magee, Mississippi, advised that he is unaware of any Klan activity in Magee, but has heard of the APWR. He said [REDACTED] W. R. MANGUM would be a member. He said that Dr. M. F. FINCH, Chiropractor, 411 North 10th Avenue, phone 466-3490, had asked CHARLES ST. JOHN a fellow employee, Mitchell's Funeral Home, to belong to either the Klan or APWR. He said ST. JOHN declined to join at the time. He further advised that he heard some talk about the Klan a few weeks ago while he was in Pearson's Barber Shop, Magee. He said there was general talk at the time and that

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R. J. SMITH was on duty. He said that SMITH did not participate in the discussion, but most likely could recall it. He said he would contact his cousin W. R. MANGUM and discreetly attempt to find out about the Ku Klux Klan and APWR.

PAUL KENNEDY, Chief of Police, Magee, Mississippi, advised that he is unaware of any Klan activity in Magee, but recalls a cross burning at Magee High School two or three months ago. He said that he has attended meetings of the APWR and believes it is a fine organization. He said that the people in Magee are incensed over a recording played at an APWR meeting of a speech CHARLES EVERS, NAACP leader, made at McComb, Mississippi. He said EVERS made such statements that the "Negroes were going to push the white people into the Mississippi River."

He stated that because of his position in the town, it would be difficult for him to fully cooperate in matters regarding Klan activity or APWR. He said that he had to "live with the people of Magee" and therefore could not get involved in any racial matters.

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SA JOHN B. LEE, JR.

KLAN ACTIVITY
SIMPSON COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI

Re Memo of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 6/5/64,
captioned "WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI-
RM."

On 6/18/64, ~~HOWARD B. VARNER~~, Sheriff, Simpson
County, Mississippi, advised that he is unaware of any Ku
Klux Klan activity in Simpson County. He said that some-
time during the latter part of April, 1964, there were
three cross burnings at the following locations:

1. Mc Laurin High School (Negro)
Highway 541, Magee
2. Highway 541 North of Simpson County
on the Rankin County Line
3. Highway 49, D'Lo, Mississippi

He further advised that approximately 30 to 40
days ago, one ~~W. R. MANGUM~~, who is employed as a salesman
for a music company and who is a former police officer
from Gulfport, Mississippi, having served as a police
officer there off and on between 1947 and 1956, approached
him and asked his permission to use the Simpson County
Court House to hold an organizational meeting of the
Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR).

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Sheriff VARNER stated that an advertisement appeared in the "Simpson County News" inviting all white citizens to attend this meeting. He said he recalls that approximately 100 to 150 people attended this meeting.

He said that a few days later, W. R. MANGUM approached him and asked him if the APWR could use the courthouse for weekly meetings. Sheriff VARNER said that he declined to let them use it, but heard that this group now meets in Magee, Mississippi.

Sheriff VARNER stated that he was against any organization such as the Ku Klux Klan and would immediately institute an investigation to determine if the Klan does exist in Simpson County and would furnish the FBI with any information he may develop regarding the Klan.

On 6/18/64, E. J. GRETHAM, Postmaster, Mendenhall, Mississippi, advised that he is not aware of any Ku Klux Klan in Simpson County, or specifically the Mendenhall area. He said that approximately two months ago he heard of some cross burnings in Simpson County, but did not know where.

He said that the route man covering between Magee and Mendenhall reported to him approximately one month ago that Ku Klux Klan leaflets were distributed in and around Magee and Mendenhall. He said that he could not recall the contents of this leaflet, but believed it was directed at recruiting members.

He further advised that the May 14, 1964, issue of the "Simpson County News" had an article in it inviting all white citizens of Simpson County to attend an organizational meeting of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR). He said the article showed that a Rev. HOWARD MC LEMORE of Crystal Springs and SHELBY BREWER, an industrialist from Brookhaven, were to be the speakers.

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On 6/18/64, JOHN MAGEE, Postmaster, Magee, Mississippi, advised that he heard of cross burnings in Simpson County, but is not aware of any Ku Klux Klan activity in Magee, Mississippi.

He further advised that Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR) are meeting every Thursday evening, 8:00 PM, at the community center, Magee, Mississippi. He said he could not furnish any information regarding this organization.

On 6/18/64, ALBERT BLAKENEY, Magee, Mississippi, and operator of the Standard Service Station, Highway 49 South, Magee, Mississippi, advised that he is a member of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race, APWR, and has been since May, 1964. He said that he attends meetings at the Community Center, Magee, Mississippi, every Thursday evening and that these meetings are open to the public.

BLAKENEY exhibited a membership card in the APWR. He said that GEORGE EARL TINDAL, operator, Tindal's Drug Store, Magee, and ELWYN MANGUM, Magee, are President and Vice President respectively. He said that CLAUDE NARRINGTON, of the State Farm, Magee, is Secretary.

He said that W. R. MANGUM, Magee, a former police officer from Pascagoula, Mississippi, was instrumental in the formation of the APWR. He stated that JAMES SULLIVAN, Magnolia Construction Company, Magee, persuaded him to join this organization.

He further advised that JAMES BOYCE MC KINNES (PH), operator of the Rambler Agency, Magee; LOVELLE BARNES, employee of Blakeney's Service Station, Magee; and G. O. PARKER, operator, "Magee Courier" are also members of the APWR.

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BLAKENEY advised that the primary purpose of the APWR is to organize like the NAACP and to solicit contributions from the supporters of the NAACP. He said that if any demonstrations are conducted in downtown Magee, they will request all the store owners to close and leave town for the afternoon.

He said that at each meeting to date, the officers of APWR, Magee, have played a tape recording of a speech that CHARLES EVERS of the NAACP recently made. He said EVERS made remarks to the effect that the Negroes in Mississippi plan to rape a certain amount of white women until they obtain their rights. He stated that in view of this attitude of EVERS and the NAACP, he would continue to be a member of this organization.

He further advised that he is not and never has been a member of the Ku Klux Klan. He said he doubted that the Klan existed in Magee, but would join it if it was necessary to protect himself from the Negroes.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Will obtain more specific information from [redacted] re Klan Activity, Simpson County, Miss.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1784)

DATE: 6/30/64

FROM : SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR.

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SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITY,
COPIAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RM

Re Informant Report of [] received on
3/15/64, by SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE.

The report indicated that WHITEHEAD, from Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the top man in Copiah County re klan matters. As previously reported, investigation has failed to indicate that there is a WHITEHEAD residing at Hazlehurst, Mississippi, however; on 6/15/64, Sheriff HERBERT DEATON, Copiah County, address Hazlehurst, and Chief of Police BOYCE FERGUSON, Crystal Springs, advised that there is no WHITEHEAD residing in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, but there is a GERALD WHITEHEAD residing in Crystal Springs, who is employed by the Pet Milk Company as a truck driver.

Neither had any information regarding this WHITEHEAD to indicate that he was affiliated in captioned organization.

On 6/17/64, []

[] (WHOSE IDENTITY MUST BE PROTECTED) advised that GERALD WHITEHEAD resides in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, on Janet Street, where he has lived for about 5 or 6 years.

[] advised that this is a short distance from where he, [] lives and that he has known WHITEHEAD primarily through the fact that WHITEHEAD has a young

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daughter who sometimes associates with the daughter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that GERALD WHITEHEAD is approximately 35 years of age, height 6 feet, weight 180 to 185 pounds, medium complexion, black hair. He resides at the Janet Street address with his wife and two children, both of the children being daughters, age 9 and 6 respectively.

He is employed by the Pet Milk Company, driving a Pet Milk Truck, which covers the Crystal Springs area and that he works out of the Jackson, Mississippi, Headquarters of the Pet Milk Company.

[REDACTED] advised that WHITEHEAD enjoys a good record of meeting his obligations in Crystal Springs and that he has a good standing in the community.

[REDACTED] advised that he would know of no organizations other than Church affiliation which [REDACTED] said he believed was Baptist, for WHITEHEAD.

[REDACTED] stated that as far as he knows, there has been no klan organization at Crystal Springs and the vicinity. He said that some time ago he forceably brought it to the attention of all employees in the Post Office that there could be no affiliation by any individuals working there with any such organizations as the klan.

[REDACTED] stated that he is alert for any information or any rumors regarding any klan activities in Crystal Springs.

[REDACTED] REQUESTED THAT HIS IDENTITY NOT BE DISCLOSED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING ANY INFORMATION FURNISHED.

[REDACTED] stated that he can not recall just exact date but that about two or three months ago or possibly a less period of time than that, he heard that a meeting had been held in Crystal Springs of the group which calls themselves the Society for the Preservation of the White Race. [REDACTED] stated that he paid little attention

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to this meeting and would not be able to say who any of the person were who had attended the meeting.

[] advised that there is a Hunting Club which has been organized at Crystal Springs he has heard, but he has no information as to who is in the hunting club. He said that hunting and fishing has numerous followers in the area due to the good hunting and fishing there and that it appears to date logical to [] for such a club to operate in Crystal Springs. [] said that he has never received any rumors or any information that this Hunting Club was in any way affiliated with the Klan.

[] stated that in the event he receives any information believed of value regarding the above he will contact Agent COOPER. He pointed out that he is always at home on Wednesday afternoon and on Saturdays and would prefer to be contacted at his home rather than at the Post Office.

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AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

Will endeavor to determine through the informant set out above if the GERALD WHITEHEAD described above and the WHITEHEAD, name not known by the informant, are identical.

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KLAN ACTIVITY,
COPIAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RM

On 6/17/64, Deputy Sheriff WOODROW PURSER, former Sheriff of Copiah County, Mississippi, and presently Chief Deputy Sheriff of the Copiah County Sheriff's Office, advised at Hazlehurst, Mississippi, that the sources of the Sheriff's Office have not reported any information to date of klan activities in Copiah County. He stated that the Sheriff's Office is opposed to any such activity.

He advised that his department will relay any information received at once to this Bureau which indicates klan activity in Copiah County. PURSER advised that to date he has heard some rumors but cannot give any source where the rumor could be verified to the effect that there is considerable klan activity in Brookhaven, Mississippi, which is in the county adjoining Copiah County. PURSER stated that he feels his sources will be able to determine whether or not this activity at Brookhaven spreads over into Copiah County.

On 6/17/64, [REDACTED] Wesson, Mississippi, (WHOSE IDENTITY MUST BE PROTECTED) advised that he can not relate where he heard such rumors but that he had heard that there was klan activity in Brookhaven, Mississippi. [REDACTED] advised that he has received no rumors or any information that there is any klan activity in and around Wesson, Mississippi, to date. [REDACTED] said he believes that in the event such activity does occur there he will hear of it.

He stated that he had heard that some organization known as the Society for the Preservation of the White Race

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had held a meeting at Crystal Springs, Mississippi, several weeks ago but that [] had no details as to who may have been involved or whether the organization was in any way affiliated with klan activities. [] stated that he intends to inform immediately if he receives any information regarding any klan activities in the Wesson area, and he specifically requested that his identity never be disclosed in regard to any contact made with [].

Reference is made to Serial number 15 of this file which sets out information furnished by [] Wesson, Mississippi, relative to receiving a circular, described in detail in serial number 15.

On 6/17/64, [] advised that he has received no additional such circulars.

He stated that since that time he has been alert through his contacts as a wholesaler and distributor of sweet potatoes to obtain any information containing possible klan activities in the Wesson area.

He pointed out that he has 16 to 20 Negroes employed for him at all times and that he has numerous contacts in the county.

He said that he has to date not received any information of klan activities in the area of Wesson or Copiah County and that he has never determined who sent him the circular referred to above.

He said that he really only knows what he has read in the newspaper about any klan activities in Mississippi, and referred to the fact that some klan leader was reported in a recent newspaper article as having made a talk at McComb, Mississippi.

[] pointed out that he is a retired Civil Service employee of the U. S. Government and that he believes he would probably not be solicited by anyone for any klan activity due to this fact. [] stated that in the event he received any information he believes of assistant to this Bureau he will immediately advise.

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COPIAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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On 6/18/64, [REDACTED] (WHOSE IDENTITY MUST BE PROTECTED), Terry, Mississippi, Hinds County, advised that to date he has received no information or any rumors that the klan is active in any way in that area. He said that approximately three weeks ago some leaflets were distributed at Terry, Mississippi, by persons unknown to him and that the leaflets were what he considered "degrading to Negroes".

[REDACTED] said that he did not have a copy of the leaflet but that they were put out by the Society for the Preservation of the White Race. He said that he could not describe just what the leaflets said and he could not say what the information was that he considered degrading to Negroes, except that it indicated to him as best he can recall that it was uncomplimentary to the Negroes. He said that he had this general impression and could not further describe the leaflet. [REDACTED] said that he had no information as to whether or not the above organization was affiliated with any klan activity but that he would think that it would not be. He said that there had been no meeting of such an organization in Terry and that he would know of no individuals who were affiliated with the organization.

[REDACTED] said that he feels in the event there is any klan activity in the Wesson area of any extent that he will certainly hear about it through sources or rumor. He stated that he intends to report any information of such type received in the event any such information comes to his attention.

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On 6/16/64, [REDACTED] Georgetown, Copiah County, Mississippi (WHOSE IDENTITY MUST BE PROTECTED), related that she recalled that about six months ago there had been reported that a cross had been burned in front of the home of ALTON STREIFF, which home is located in Simpson County, just across the Pearl River from Copiah County and on Highway number 28. She said this is about two miles from Georgetown. She said that she had never received any rumors or information as to who had burned the cross but had presumed that it was someone connected with the klan.

She stated that she has heard no rumors or any other information to the effect that there is any klan activity in and around Georgetown and that she believes that she would hear this if any such activity develops. She stated that she felt that she desired to forward any information of this type if it is received to this Bureau but to date no such information has been received.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1962)

DATE: 6/29/64

FROM : SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II

SUBJECT: KKK, Hinds County, Miss
RM

On 6/26/64 [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY) [REDACTED]
Hinds County, Mississippi furnished the following general information:
regarding [REDACTED]

In regard to law enforcement in Hinds County [] said that he does not feel that Sheriff FRED PICKETT and his deputies, except WILDIAM SHUTTLEWORTH, have any inter4st in law enforcement and do not work at the job. He knows of no connection any of the SO force have with the KKK or any other such organization if any, however he said in his opinion none of them would furnish any information regarding this if they had any information to furnish. In regard to SHUTTLEWORTH, who is the office deputy, he said that SHUTTLEWORTH is a high class man, and is not taken into the confidence of the other SO force and he doubts that SHUTTLEWORTH knows ~~of any questions~~ anything about the activity of the other employee of the office. []

said that the following are patrolmen in the county:

RALPH MADDOX, District 1, who lives at Jackson

~~LUCIAN DAVIS~~, District 2, lives at Edwards

BERNARD POWERS, District 3, lives at UTICA

BOB JAMES, District 4, covering Clinton and Raymond, but who lives near Jackson.

J. W. RICHARDSON, District 5, Terry, Mississippi.

[redacted] said he felt that LUCIAN DAVIS and J.W. RICHARDSON would be more reliable to talk to, but that he could not guarantee that they would keep inquiries in confidence. In regard to MADDOX, who is appointed by him, [redacted] said that MADDOX is very honest, but talks too much.

██████████ said that Constable J.D. MCADORY and WALTER DENNIS, both in the First District are, in his opinion, high class men, and probably safe to contact for information.

[redacted] said that in Edwards, Mississippi a man named LEE, FNU, who operates a service station and is on the town board might have information about what is going on in the town, but he would have to be approached cautiously and the topic gradually led into.

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He said that a Mrs. ~~LAWRENCE~~ ~~ANGELO~~, a widow, in Edwards is active in town affairs and might have information about happenings there as she is the cook for all club meetings, etc.

In Bolton, Mississippi [] said that an Episcopalian minister, last name BUTLER, FNU might also have information about activity in that part of the county and reportedly was visited by a group of white men who did not like his visiting a Negro family and/or burying a Negro.

[] said that he would not be surprised if there were KKK members in Edwards, as this town for years has been a sort of empire unto itself and has pointed its efforts to keeping the price of cotton up and the Negro down.

Raymond He said that he doubted if there was a KKK in Bolton or ~~Ms~~. He said in ~~Ms~~ most of the townspeople worked for the State government or the Federal government and were not the type of people likely to engage in any subversive or clandestine activity.

In Learned, Mississippi he said ALVIN MCNAIR is a leader in the community with a wide knowledge of the area and not a man he would believe to be engaged in KKK activity.

[] said that the only thing he knew about organizations which could possibly have a connection with the KKK or similar group was a phone call he received from ~~an~~ a Dick COTTING, a line supt of the Mississippi Power and Light Company, who several months ago called [] to ask him if he knew where he could ~~organize~~ join one of the neighborhood groups being organized in North Jackson, specifically in the area of Hanging Moss Circle where COTTING lives. COTTING told [] that the people in the various neighborhoods did not think that law enforcement was adequate in there suburban neighborhoods and thought that there were too many Negroes on the streets and roads in the area and were organized to patrol or to look after their property if a need arose to do so. [] said he told COTTING he knew nothing of any such groups, and COTTING mentioned there was such a group in Briarwood, a subdivision in North Jackson. [] said he felt that if [] inquired of COTTING that COTTING would connect the inquiry by [] with the ~~xxxxxx~~ call he had made to [].

[] said that one JACK SHEARER, about 57 years old, was his opponent in the past election for supervisor and this person was a mild mannered man and not one whom he would believe to take part in any dangerous activity. He said that SHEARER has a son JACK SHEARER, Jr who has been employed by a newspaper in the past, place unknown, but who is very loud in his attack on the government for encroachment on states rights. He had no more information on either SHEARER.

[] said that during his travels throughout the county he would be alert to possible information about KLAN activity as he felt that this was not needed in the state and could only do harm.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

RE: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

DATE: 6/29/64

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on June 7, 1964, a handwritten report concerning a state meeting of the WKKKK held on June 7, 1964 near Raleigh, Mississippi. This report can be located in New Orleans file [redacted].

Informant advised on June 7, 1964 he received a telephone call at 6:00 AM from Mr. HENSHAW, who told him that he would be picked up at 7:00 AM.

Informant stated that HENSHAW and Mr. HINTON and himself drove to Raleigh, Mississippi by way of Taylorsville, Miss. Upon arrival at Raleigh they drove straight through for about five miles, crossed a couple of small bridges where they observed a car parked in a small road on the right hand side of the highway with a Coca Cola carton on the fender. They turned and drove down this small road approximately 3 miles until they observed another Coca Cola carton hanging from a tree and then turned left and drove about one mile where they were confronted by several men who were armed. The armed men asked the name of the

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county they were from and also their unit number and took the license number of the car they were riding in.

Informant stated he and the others were told to leave all fire arms in their car and they drove about 2 miles to an old Methodist church that was reportedly 110 years old.

Informant stated this meeting was held in the church and he observed several men with what appeared to be U. S. Army .45's on their hips and observed another with a .410 shot gun with a short barrel and a pistol grip. Informant stated he would estimate that 300 men were present at this meeting and there were about 6 guards patrolling the general area on horse back.

Informant reported there were two airplanes that circled the area and that individuals in these airplanes were in communication with persons on the ground with 2-way radios.

Informant stated all of the state officers were present and each one gave a talk.

Mr. BOWERS (Imperial Wizard) told those present to stay out of trouble until you can catch "them" outside of the law and then under Mississippi law "you have a right to kill them". BOWERS reported that this was the case at Ole Miss and claimed that 6 marshal had been killed but BOBBY KENNEDY would not let this be known for there was nothing he could do because the marshals were there illegally.

Informant reported that 52 delegates were present and it was indicated that the entire state of Mississippi is covered except the extreme northeast and the southeast areas and that attempts are being made to work in these areas. It was also indicated at

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this meeting that the WKKKK has 18,000 members not counting two other groups, the "United Group" (probably the United Klans of America) and the "Original Group" (probably the Original Knights of the KKK).

Informant indicated that a discussion was held regarding the handling of funds and that no more checks would be sent through the mail and that the state officers are to secure a list of products, firms and corporations that are not to be patronized. Informant stated that at this meeting \$637.00 was appropriated to help pay the funeral expenses of a Mr. REEVES, from North Carolina, who had died of a heart attack in either Greenville or Greenwood, Mississippi, after being caught burning a cross.

Informant said he had determined that the Provincial Giant of District Number 7 is a man by the name of WEATHERS or WEATHERS or Weathers' Used Cars, Hattiesburg, Miss. District Number 7 includes Jones County and also the counties of Forrest, Lawrence and Marion. Informant stated that at this meeting H. L. DELK of Hattiesburg, also known as "Cotton" Delk, was elected as Provincial Investigator for District Number 7 and that DELK works at West Brothers Store at night. DELK resides at 219 Dixie Avenue, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, business phone number JU 4-5435 and residence phone JU 3-0884.

Informant stated that JACK WILLIAMS of Pelahatchie was elected Bursor of the 4th District and H. L. HOLMES was elected Provincial Investigator of District 1. Informant stated it was indicated at this meeting that there are 97 projects working and some of these projects (not further identified) are to be fulfilled right away. It was indicated that the klan was growing faster than the leaders ever realized.

It was indicated also at this meeting regarding

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leaks in the organization . . . that it would mean instant death if the person or persons acting as informers were ever caught.

Informant stated that group meetings of 4 or 6 klaverns will be conducted for the next three months and that at this meeting they played a tape of a speech made by CHARLES EVERS (Field Secretary for NAACP, Jackson, Miss.).

In the event any of the above information is utilized in a report or other form to be disseminated it should be properly paraphrased in order to fully protect this informant.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

DATE: 6/29/64

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

RE: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on May 30, 1964 an oral report regarding regular meeting of the Boguehoma Hunting and Rifle Club, which was held on 5/26/64 near Laurel, Miss. This report can be located in [redacted] and it should be noted that informant in the past has identified this group as the Laurel Klavern of the WKKKK.

On 5/30/64 [redacted] advised that the Boguehoma Hunting and Rifle Club, held their regular meeting at the club house on the farm of LAWRENCE BYRD, Secretary of the club. There were twenty members present. This number included BYRD, GRADY CHANCE, B. F. HINTON, W. A. GRIER, DON HENSHAW, FRANK UPTON, JUDSON ISHEE, FLOYD COLLINS, DEAN and a young minister from Ellisville, Mississippi.

Informant states HINTON did not attend much of the meeting since he was on guard outside the building. He believes that someone is trying to listen in on the meetings and HINTON claims he would like to kill some one if he could catch them.

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1-157-2004 (Jones County)

[redacted]
1-157-2091 (Lawrence Byrd)
1-157- (Grady Chance)
1-157-1953 (B. F. Hinton)
1-157-2161 (Don Henshaw)
1-157- (Frank Upton)

1-157- (Judson Ishee)
1-157-2199 (Floyd Collins)
1-157- (FNU Dean)
1-157-2249 (Clinton Clarence Collins)
1-157-2250 (Henry C. Clay)
1-157-2265 (Will Ponder)
1-157-2202 (Laurel Leader Call)

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He informed that CHANCE still wants revenge on the Negro that ran into the car he, CHANCE, was riding in several weeks ago. This project is believed to be in the hands of the State Committee for final approval.

Other projects will be continued, but none identified, however he thinks the projects of CLINTON CLARENCE COLLINS, Rev. HENRY C. CLAY and WILL PONDER are still in the hands of the State Committee awaiting final action.

There was some general discussion about the explosion at the Laurel Leader-Call but nothing of a direct nature. Comments along the line "why don't they investigate some of these Negro organizations" they might have done it.

Mr. BYRD states he has again been interviewed by the FBI but did not tell them anything. He reported that the CPA had told him he could not do anything about getting a Charter for the Boguehoma Hunting and Rifle Club.

Informant states BYRD, HINTON and CHANCE are investigating the security leak to try to locate the member who gave the FBI a membership card. BYRD claims he saw the card when he was interviewed but did not see the name.

He reported that on Saturday night, 5/30/64 an initiation is to be held near Tuckers Crossing, south of Laurel on Highway #15, and some 19 new members will be inducted. Most of this recruiting was done by the Ellisville, Mississippi group.

Informant will follow the activities of this group and will report any information he may develop.

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1784)

DATE: 6/29/64

FROM : SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR.

SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITY,
COPIAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RM

Re letter from [redacted] dated April 22, 1964, which letter indicates that the top man in Copiah County in Klan activities is WHITEHEAD from Hazlehurst, Mississippi.

On June 15, 1964, Sheriff HERBERT DEATON, Copiah County, Hazlehurst, Mississippi, advised that he knows of no one residing in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, by the name of WHITEHEAD. He said, however, that he believes an individual by the name of WHITEHEAD, first name not known, resides in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, and drives a truck for a milk company.

On June 16, 1964, Chief of Police BOYCE FERGUSON Crystal Springs, Mississippi, advised that the only person residing in Crystal Springs with the name WHITEHEAD that he knows is GERALD WHITEHEAD. FERGUSON said that GERALD WHITEHEAD is a white male, age about 30, and that he drives a milk truck for the Pet Milk Company.

Both FERGUSON and DEATON advised on the date referred to above that their sources were making efforts to determine any klan activities in Copiah County, but to date they had been unable to furnish any information of such activity.

On June 15, 1964, FERGUSON stated that he had made an effort to determine whether or not the Gun and Fishing Club at Crystal Springs was in any way affiliated with the klan but to date he had been unable to indicate through his sources that such was the case.

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Will through appropriate sources endeavor to determine if the GERALD WHITEHEAD referred to above is identical with the (FNU) WHITEHEAD referred to in serial 10 of File 157-1784.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962) DATE: 6/29/64

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

[redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on June 11, 1964, a written report regarding a meeting of the Bogue Homa Hunting and Rifle Club which was held on June 9, 1964, near Laurel, Mississippi.

This report can be located in NO file [redacted] and it should be noted that informant has previously identified this club as actually the Laurel klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Informant stated that the meeting was held at the regular location and there were 39 men present at this meeting.

He identified the following individuals in attendance: HINTON, COLLINS, BYRD, HENSHAW, GRIER, RICHARDS, UPTON, DEAN, ISHEE, PITTS, LEE, SESSUMS, CHANCE, GUICE, RUSH, GRAHAM, the nephew of ESTUS.

Informant stated that since PAUL THOMAS is being transferred to Louisiana, the GRAHAM mentioned previously has been appointed as the group leader of the eastern group and was given a project secretly on June 9, 1964, by BYRD.

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1 - 157-1953 (B. F. HINTON)	1 - 157- (GRADY CHANCE)
1 - 157-2199 (FLOYD COLLINS)	1 - 157- (FNU RUSH)
1 - 157-2091 (LAWRENCE BYRD)	1 - 157- (FNU GRAHAM)
1 - 157-2161 (DONALD HENSHAW)	1 - 157- (PAUL THOMAS)
1 - 157-2064 (PIKE COUNTY)	1 - 157- (EDWARD COWAN)
1 - 157- (FNU UPTON)	
1 - 157- (FNU DEAN)	
1 - 157- (FNU ISHEE)	
1 - 157- (FNU PITTS)	

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Informant stated that several reports were given alleging the arrival of both Negroes and Whites to participate in trouble in Jones County. It was indicated that the klan did not plan to take any action against these people during the daytime, but at night, the group leaders would know where these persons eat and sleep and will take action against them at night. Only the group leaders would know the identities of the members participating.

It was mentioned that attempts should be made to get some of the demonstrators to bump into the klansmen or the klansmen should just walk up and hit one of the demonstrators with his fist and then swear that the demonstrator stepped on his toe and by doing this, the police would arrest the demonstrator instead of the klansmen.

Informant stated that the initiation of new members on the previous Saturday night was held as scheduled and this initiation was held at a tin shack in the National Forest. Eight new members were brought in and most of these were elderly men. The names of these new members are GUICE, PITTS, LEE, and RUSH. Informant stated that at this ceremony HENSHAW would not allow the informant to introduce himself to the new members.

Informant stated that on the forthcoming Saturday evening, he and the others are to meet at a washateria and service station across the Highway from where HENSHAW lives and travelled from this spot to an unknown area.

Informant reported that the west group with COWAN as its leader, is attempting to stay secret and this is causing the resulted Cyclops if the klavern and some are concerned because there has been a conflict between the various groups in the klavern. It is expected that this situation will be straightened out by BYRD in the future.

Informant reported that something is to happen this week at McComb, Mississippi, but he did not know what this would be. He said the klan wants to keep the FBI busy in other places so that it will relieve the pressure at Laurel. Informant stated that the Ellisville group is still cooperating 100 per cent, but this group is afraid to come to the meeting of the Laurel klavern.

Optional Form No. 10
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1784) DATE: 6/29/64
FROM: SA ROBERT W. COOPER, JR.
SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITY,
COPIAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RM

On June 15, 1964, while at Crystal Springs, Miss-
issippi, [REDACTED], Crystal
Springs, Mississippi, advised as follows:

[REDACTED], Crystal
Springs, Mississippi, was interviewed at his farm, address
[REDACTED], Crystal Springs, Mississippi.

[REDACTED] advised that he desired to furnish
this information which had not previously been furnished by
him to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
when contacted previously by that agent.

[REDACTED] furnished his description as white male,
born August 12, 1912, in Copiah County, Mississippi, height
5' 10½", weight 205 pounds, complexion ruddy, hair brown -
turning grey. He stated that he has never had any arrest
record and that he has no military service record. He stated

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(1 - 157-JOE UPTON (DEAD))
(1 - 157-H. L. UPTON (DEAD))
(1 - REVERAND HOWARD McLEMORE (DEAD))
(1 - 157-3EMMIE WALLACE (DEAD))
(1 - 157-SONNY SAULS (DEAD))
(1 - 157-E. E. LEWIS (DEAD))
(1 - Society for the Preservation of the White Race)
(1 - 157-PERCY NEAL, JR. (DEAD))

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that he was deferred from military service. He advised that he enjoyed excellent health.

He advised that he has telephone number 73J1 Crystal Springs, Mississippi. He said that this is a party line with one other individual, the person being A. W. BOLEWARE.

[redacted] advised that work has been continued on the farm of Mr. H. L. UPTON, [redacted] to [redacted] on the block concrete club house for the Gun and Fishing Club being built there.

[redacted] advised that on Saturday, June 13, 1964, H. L. UPTON, referred to above, and his son, JOE UPTON, were aided in construction work by the Reverend HOWARD McLEMORE, Pastor of the County Line Baptist Church. [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] advised that a roofing company name not recalled, sent trucks to the club house on the above date and that the roof of the club house had been completed on Saturday apparently.

[redacted] advised that he was working in his field directly across the road from the club house and had an opportunity to observe the construction work on the club house.

[redacted] advised that to date, as far as he knows, there have been no meetings of the club in the unfinished club house, but that two Sundays ago, which would be May 31, 1964, about 25 cars gathered in the late afternoon at the tenant house which is only a few yards from the club house being constructed. He said that the cars apparently represented members of the club and it was apparent that a meeting of the club was held by those which had arrived in the cars.

In addition to UPTON, his son JOE UPTON and MC LEMORE referred to above, [redacted] saw an individual known to him as

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SEMMIE WALLACE in attendance at the Sunday meeting. [redacted] stated that SEMMIE WALLACE is a white male, age about 32, height 5' 8", weight about 225 pounds. He lived on Old Highway 51 near Reynold's Store in the vicinity of [redacted] farm.

Also an individual named PERCY NEAL, JR., age about 28, height 6', weight 175 pounds, who also lives on Old Highway 51, near Reynold's Store there, was in attendance.

[redacted] advised that it is his understanding that the club had sent out invitations for persons to join recently and that he was told by a neighbor named SONNY SAULS, that he, SAULS, had received such an invitation, but that SAULS had decided he did not want to join the organization.

[redacted] stated that it is apparent to him that interest in the club is apparently dwindling in the area. He said that when the first efforts were made in the construction of the club house, there was a great amount of interest in building the club and there were approximately 50 or 75 cars meeting each Saturday to build on the club house.

[redacted] stated that now only a few individuals work on the club house on Saturdays.

[redacted] advised that approximately a week ago, he happened to see a Mr. E. E. LEWIS in Crystal Springs. He said that he has known Mr. LEWIS for some time and LEWIS lives in Sympson County, just across the river in a small community known as Gatesville.

[redacted] stated that LEWIS commented to him at that time that he had at first thought that the organization known as the Society for the Preservation of the White Race, was a good thing, but he had now changed his mind and felt that it would serve of no purpose. [redacted] said that he did not know whether LEWIS had ever been a member of that society.

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[redacted] stated that to date he has received no information that would confirm to him that the club referred to above is actually the Ku Klux Klan, however, [redacted] stated that he suspects that this may be the case. [redacted] indicated that he had no use whatsoever for any klan activities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that dead files be opened on the individuals referred to in this memo, SEMMIE WALLACE, SONNY SAULS, E. E. LEWIS, and PERCY NEAL, JR.

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Date: 6/29/64

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-37)
RE: KLAN ORGANIZATIONS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

ReButel to New Orleans, 6/18/64; New Orleans tel to Memphis, 6/18/64; and Memphis airtel to Bureau, 6/19/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth requested information concerning captioned matter.

Two copies of same letterhead memorandum are enclosed for Memphis.

The confidential sources reflected in the enclosed letterhead memorandum are identified as follows:

- 3 - BUREAU (Encls. 8) (RM)
2 - MEMPHIS (157-329) (Encls. 2) (RM)
④ - NEW ORLEANS (2 : 157-37) (1 : 157-1962) (1 : 105-1057)
(1 : 157-35) (1 : 105-687) [redacted]
(1 - Each Mississippi County where activity noted)

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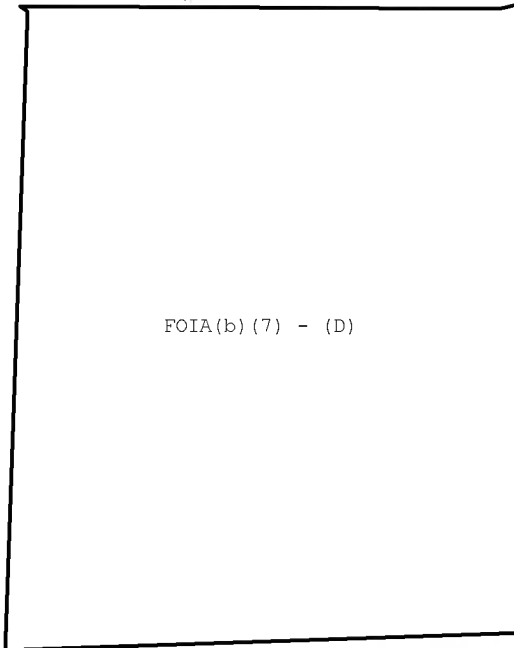
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INFORMANT



CONTACTED BY

SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE
SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE
SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE
SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS
SA HUNTER E. HELGESON
SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR.
SA FRANK A. SASS, JR.

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The identities of informants and sources covering the Klaverns of each Klan are set forth as follows:

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COUNTIES

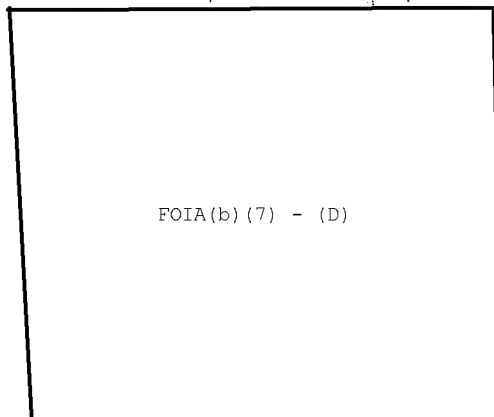
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INFORMANTS AND SOURCES



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COUNTIES

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Jones

Lawrence

Marion

Pike and Amite

Yazoo

Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Leake,
Madison, Newton, Noxubee, Neshoba
Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith and
Winston

INFORMANTS AND SOURCES

Assistant Chief of
Police M. B. PIERCE,
Jackson, Mississippi;

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It should be noted that [] has been a delegate to state meetings and usually accompanies SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK), State of Mississippi, to these meetings, therefore, he is in a position to furnish information on a state-wide basis.

[] is the Klan Bureau of Investigations (KBI) investigator and as such is in a position to furnish information concerning Klan activities on a state-wide basis.

[] RI (PROB) is the KBI agent for the above mentioned thirteen counties and furnishes information concerning Klan activities in those thirteen counties.

With respect to the Mississippi Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (MKKKK), the Knoxville Division, through SA GEORGE C. WILBORN's contact with [] has coverage of WALTER ANDERSON BAILEY, reported head of the MKKKK inasmuch as BAILEY frequently writes to informant and thereby is in contact with him.

[] (PROB) furnishes information to SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE with respect to activity of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA, KKKK) in Pike County, the only known location where that Klan is active in Mississippi.

SA FRANK A. SASS, JR. receives information from [] (PROB), with respect to activity of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) in Marion County, the only known location where that Klan is active in Mississippi.

The Bureau should note that the following listed informants are open in the New Orleans Division and letters will be sent to the Bureau in the near future:



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With respect to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and member of the WKKKK. He is an informant for the Jackson Police Department and has been made available on occasion by Assistant Chief of Police M. B. PIERCE for interview by the FBI concerning Klan activities. Under no circumstances should his name be disclosed outside the Bureau.

This office is aware of the necessity of obtaining informants in each Klavern of each Klan and every effort is being made to accomplish this objective.

In certain instances, this office is provided with information from reliable law enforcement officials, which in some cases assist in corroborating informant information. These are also good sources for learning of specific activity taking place within their respective jurisdiction.

Klan activity appears to be increasing and it can be anticipated that Klaverns will continue to be formed at a rapid rate as in the recent past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana
June 29, 1964

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

The following is information developed by the New Orleans Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with respect to the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK) of Mississippi:

On February 26, 1964, Confidential Source #1 advised that a meeting was held of the Laurel Klavern with 19 members present. Source stated that according to Sam Bowers, Imperial Wizard, State Of Mississippi, a meeting was held at Brookhaven, Mississippi on February 23, 1964. At this meeting the state was divided into five Sections, the same as voting districts and each Section was divided into two provinces. At that time there were no chartered Klaverns in Mississippi.

On March 7, 1964, source advised that a regular meeting of the Laurel Klavern was held on March 4, 1964 with 27 members present. Two new meeting places were established in Jones County; one at Ellisville and one at Calhoun, Mississippi, both for organizational purposes. According to source, contacts were made in Smith and Jasper Counties for possible Klaverns.

On March 12, 1964, source advised that the Laurel Klavern, known as the Bogue Homa Hunting and Rifle Club met on March 10, 1964. It was noted the Klavern had enough paid up members to qualify for a charter. It was anticipated that a state wide meeting at Brookhaven, Mississippi on March 15, 1964, that some 30 Klaverns would be chartered.

On March 19, 1964, source advised that at a meeting of the Bogue Homa Hunting and Rifle Club on March 17, 1964, a charter was displayed and report was made that 27 Klaverns were chartered on March 15, 1964 at Brookhaven, Mississippi.

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Source stated on April 8, 1964, that an initiation ceremony was held at Ellisville, Mississippi on April 4, 1964 and 22 members were present. Nine persons were initiated. A Mr. Cowan was not present because he was initiating new members into the Klan at Soso and Big Creek, Mississippi.

Source advised on April 9, 1964, that at a meeting of the Bogue Homa Hunting and Fishing Club on April 7, 1964, it was indicated there were four Klaverns in Amite County and as soon as the Units at Ellisville and Big Creek in Jones County, reach 40 members, that this would make three Klaverns in Jones County.

On April 30, 1964, source advised that a meeting of the Bogue Homa Hunting and Fishing Club was held April 29, 1964 with 43 members present and it was announced that five groups within the Klavern had been formed. These are known as the north, south, east, west and central. Source said it was brought out at this meeting that the Soso, Mississippi Group was planning to receive a charter in the next few weeks.

On May 10, 1964, source advised that an initiation ceremony was held at Calhoun, Mississippi on May 7, 1964 and the West Division of the WKKKK, known as the "Wolf Pack" was formed.

On June 12, 1964, source advised that there is an active Klavern at Hattiesburg, Mississippi. No other information was available.

On June 7, 1964, source advised that a state meeting of the WKKKK was held on June 7, 1964 at Raleigh, Smith County, Mississippi with 300 Klansmen present. It was indicated that the WKKKK had Klaverns throughout the State of Mississippi, except in the extreme northeast and southeast sections. It was claimed at this meeting that the Klan had 18,000 members.

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On June 14, 1964, Confidential Source #2 advised that a state meeting of the WKKKK was held at Raleigh, Smith County, Mississippi on June 7, 1964 and it was indicated by State Organizer Joe Harrington that the Klan was organized in 60 odd counties in Mississippi with 3,000 members.

On April 23, 1964, Confidential Source #1 advised that a state meeting of the WKKKK was held at Brookhaven, Mississippi on April 19, 1964. A roll call by counties was taken and it was apparent 53 Klaverns were represented inasmuch as one delegate represented one Klavern and there were 53 delegates present.

It was also indicated that there were Klaverns in Adams County, five Klaverns in Lincoln County and several other counties containing four, three and two Klaverns each were represented. They were not further identified.

On March 18, 1964, Confidential Source #2 advised that a state meeting of the WKKKK was held at Klan Headquarters on Morgan Town Road, Natchez, Mississippi with 75 to 100 members from all parts of the state in attendance. The state was divided into nine provinces and it was brought out that there was very little or no organization of Klan activities in the extreme north and northeast part of the state.

On May 9, 1964, Confidential Source #2 stated that a meeting of the Morgan Town Klavern of the WKKKK was held on May 5, 1964 at Natchez, Mississippi with 20 members and visitors present. Source said an all out drive for new members had been started by the Klan as reported at this meeting.

Confidential Source #2 advised on June 5, 1964, that a meeting of the Morgan Town Klavern on June 5, 1964 disclosed a move to combine all Klan Units in Adams County into one large Klavern for the purpose of organizing platoons of men

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for street action this summer. Source said all Units were to vote on this proposal the following week.

Source said that the WKKKK was asking for each Klavern to supply two men throughout the State of Mississippi to be part of a state force of young men. These men must be between the ages of 26 and 32 and be able to be away from home for extended periods this summer. It was indicated that these men would be sworn in as lawful law enforcement officers and enjoy full protection of the law. They will be furnished clothes, that is, black suit, white shirt, black tie, black shoes and hat.

Source said he understood there are 360 active Klan members in Adams County.

Confidential Source #3 advised on May 14, 1964 that there are Klaverns of the WKKKK in the following counties except Clarke, where efforts have been unsuccessful: Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Leake, Madison, Newton, Noxubee, Neshoba, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith and Winston.

According to source, the Jasper County Klavern has no regular meeting place and they meet in groups of five at the various members' homes. Source stated there were Klaverns at Raleigh and Taylorsville, Mississippi in Smith County.

On October 21, 1963, William H. Barbour, Attorney, Yazoo City, Mississippi, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that there were approximately 26 members of the Klan in Yazoo City.

At a meeting of this Klavern on October 15, 1963, the chief problem discussed was whether the organization, meaning the Klavern, should continue to operate at all or whether it should go under ground. According to Barbour, a

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meeting was held on October 22, 1963 near Yazoo City with 20 persons in attendance and there was no indication that they were going under ground.

On October 23, 1963, Confidential Source #4 tentatively identified 12 additional members of the Klan in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

On April 13, 1964, Confidential Source #4 advised that the number one Klan Organizer in Mississippi is James I. Roberts.. Source said that efforts in the past few weeks to get regular weekly Klan meetings started were apparently unsuccessful. However several Yazoo City Klansmen were believed to have gone to a Klan meeting at Cleveland, Mississippi on April 10, 1964.

On April 13, 1964, Confidential Source #4 advised that he learned through persons affiliated with Klan members in the Yazoo City area, that in the Mississippi Delta area meetings of the Klan are held at Cleveland, Mississippi.

Confidential Source #5 advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on May 16, 1964 that the WKKKK is not affiliated with any other Klan group. It was his understanding there are two separate groups in Mc Comb, Mississippi; one is affiliated with the WKKKK and the other with a Klan group led by a man named Shelton from Georgia.

According to source's recollection, the last reported total membership of the WKKKK in Mississippi was between 5,000 and 6,000. Source could not recall from whom he got this figure.

Source stated there are reportedly five Klaverns in Hinds County, known as the North Jackson Group, Bolton, Mississippi Group, Utica, Mississippi Group, Forrest Hill Group and the West Jackson Rod and Gun Group, formerly known as the Clinton, Mississippi Group.

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On April 26, 1964, Burnice Jones, City Marshal, Taylorsville, Mississippi, advised he had been approached several months ago to join the Klan.

On June 4, 1964, Jones advised there were three Units of the Klan in Smith County, one at Mize, Mississippi, one at Raleigh, Mississippi and one at Taylorsville, Mississippi. Jones had no additional information with respect to membership.

On April 10, 1964, Hollis Jones, City Marshal, Prentiss, Mississippi, advised that some weeks ago, he had been contacted to join the Klan. Jones said that the Klan meets at the American Legion Hut, west of Prentiss and he determined that there were at least five members. He had no information concerning actual membership.

Confidential Source #6 advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the Rifle and Fishing Club of Crystal Springs, Copiah County, Mississippi, was building a structure on a farm near Crystal Springs which is believed to be a future meeting place of the WKKKK. Source could provide no additional information.

The following information was developed by the New Orleans Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with respect to the Mississippi Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (MKKKK):

The June 1, 1964 issue of the Biloxi-Gulfport Daily Herald Newspaper carried an article captioned "Takeoff Rally for KKK seen at Magnolia Park".

On June 2, 1964, Oliver A. Latil, Jr., Latil Motors, Biloxi, Mississippi, a member of the five man Mississippi State Park Commission, voluntarily advised Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the Magnolia Park is a State Park and that Walter Anderson Bailey, known to him to be the socalled leader of the MKKKK, contacted him during the Fall of 1963, regarding the use of the Park for a fish fry for some of his friends. Latil said it was subsequently used by 6-8 men

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whom Latil supposed were Klansmen.

Mr. Latil said he was again contacted by Bailey about a week or so ago, for a picnic type meeting to be held at Magnolia Park. Latil said he contacted Governor Paul B. Johnson and was advised by Governor Johnson that Bailey should not use the State Park for a Klan meeting. Latil said before he was able to advise Bailey of this, the above mentioned newspaper article appeared in the newspaper. Latil said he did not believe the meeting to be held was planned.

The following information has been developed by the New Orleans Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with respect to the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA, KKKK).

Confidential Source #6 advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on May 16, 1964 that an open meeting of the UKA, Inc. KKK was held on the evening of May 16, 1964 at the Fairgrounds, Mc Comb, Mississippi.

This source stated that the meeting was attended by approximately 1,500 to 2,000 persons and the principle speaker was Robert M. Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the Imperial Wizard of the UKA, Inc., KKKK.

On June 9, 1964, this same source advised that he had heard there were 400 Klansmen standing by in Pike County in the event law enforcement broke down.

On another occasion, this same source advised there were two Klaverns operating within Pike County, Mississippi.

On June 11, 1964, Emmett Thornhill, Sr., Summit, Mississippi, an admitted member of the UKA, Inc., KKKK, Pike County, Mississippi, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that there were over 100 members of the Klan in Pike County.

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The following information has been developed by the New Orleans Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with respect to the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) Mississippi:

Confidential Source #7 advised a Special Agent of the FBI on March 19, 1964 that on March 18, 1964, a group of OKKKK members from Bogalusa, Louisiana went to Columbia, Marion County, Mississippi, where they took into membership three individuals. Source said it was not clear whether this group of persons from the Columbia, Mississippi area would be members of the Bogalusa, Louisiana Group or whether they were go form a nucleus for a new group at Columbia.

The following is a breakdown of the four Klan Organizations in the State of Mississippi:

White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi

<u>County</u>	<u>Klavern</u>	<u>Estimated Membership</u>
Adams	Adams County, Cloverdale, Sligo	360
Amite	Four	Unknown
Clarke	One	Unknown
Copiah	One	Unknown
Forrest	One	Unknown
Franklin	One	Unknown
Hinds	Five	Unknown

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<u>County</u>	<u>Klavern</u>	<u>Estimated Membership</u>
Jasper	One	Meetings in groups of five's
Jefferson Davis	Prentiss	At least five
Jones	Bogue Homa Hunting and Fishing Club, Laurel, Ellis- ville and Soso	120
Kemper	One	Unknown
Lawrence	One	Unknown
Leake	One	Unknown
Lincoln	Five	Unknown
Madison	One	Unknown
Marion	One	Unknown
Neshoba	One	Unknown
Newton	One	Unknown
Noxubee	One	Unknown
Rankin	One	Unknown
Scott	One	Unknown
Simpson	One	Unknown

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<u>County</u>	<u>Klavern</u>	<u>Estimated Membership</u>
Smith	Raleigh, Taylorsville	100
Walthall	One	Unknown
Wilkinson	One	Unknown
Winston (Memphis Division)	One	Unknown
Yazoo	Unknown (members go to Cleveland, Mississippi for meetings, Memphis Division)	38

United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

<u>County</u>	<u>Klavern</u>	<u>Estimated Membership</u>
Pike	Two	100-400

Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

<u>County</u>	<u>Klavern</u>	<u>Estimated Membership</u>
Marion	Columbia	Unknown

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Mississippi Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

<u>County</u>	<u>Klavern</u>	<u>Estimated Membership</u>
Harrison	Biloxi	Unknown

Attached hereto are characterizations of the WKKKK of Mississippi; The MKKKK; The UKA, Inc., KKKK and the OKKKK.

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APPENDIX

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi, met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

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MISSISSIPPI KU KLUX KLAN

On April 30, 1959, a source said he had received information that Walter A. Bailey had been in the Biloxi, Mississippi, area for several months and indicated he planned to organize the klan.

On March 14, 1960, a second source advised that on February 27, 1960, Bailey said he was organizing an independent klan in Mississippi.

On March 1, 1960, a third source said that on that date, Bailey announced the re-organization of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in the State of Mississippi, under a charter issued by the State of Georgia on December 10, 1959.

A fourth source reported that at a Special Klunklave meeting of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., at Atlanta, Georgia, on January 8, 1961, W. A. Bailey of Biloxi, Mississippi, was elected Imperial Klaliff.

On March 8, 1961, a fifth source advised he had joined the klan in Mississippi and Bailey gave him a membership card in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Klan 1, Realm of Mississippi.

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted by the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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APPENDIX

ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (LOUISIANA) (OKKKK)

A source advised on October 25, 1963, that in December, 1960, a group was organized at Shreveport, Louisiana, known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). The purpose of this organization was to promote Americanism, white supremacy, and the maintaining of segregation.

This source further advised on October 25, 1963, that the OKKKK continues to be active and that the aims and purposes continue to be the same.

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Knights of Ku Klux Klan, 6/24/64.

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- 2 - 157-1962
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2 - 157-2254 (JULIUS HARPER)
2 - 157-2123 (A. C. HARRINGTON)
2 - SIDNEY DAVIS
2 - 157- (FNU) BOURDEN
2 - 157- W. L. BARRETT
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Clinton, Mississippi
June 26, 1964

A meeting of the Hinds County, Mississippi Klaverns of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi met from approximately 7:45 p.m. until 11:05 p.m. on June 24, 1964, at Graves Plantation on the bank of the Pearl River, at the West End of Elton Road, Jackson, Mississippi. This plantation is owned by (FNU) GRAVES, co-owner, Norton-Graves Electric Co., Jackson, Miss. and GRAVES is a member of an unknown Klavern of the KKK at Jackson. His partner (FNU) NORTON is not a member of the KKK. This plantation is the regular site of weekly meetings of the Bolton, Miss. Klavern, KKK. Approximately 100 to 125 persons attended this meeting, and no hoods were worn. To reach the meeting place it was necessary to pass three armed guards, each armed with a sidearm and a rifle, at three check points on Elton Road. The pass word was "APWR".

SAM BOWERS, Imperial wizard, was present and opened the meeting by speaking briefly regarding the honorable history of the KKK, and traced same back to the days of the Confederacy. BOWERS said there would be no future State Meetings.

JULIUS HARPER, Grand Dragon, who operates a cafe at Crystal Springs, Miss., then spoke on security and told members that there had been too many security leaks and warned that the FBI now has listening devices by which they can listen to conversations from more than 100 yards distant.

HARPER said in all future "jobs" the County Giant would select a unit to "pull the job", the County Coordinator would then select a meeting place at a motel, restaurant, etc., and the EC of the Unit selected, would select the members to actually pull the job.

A. C. ARRINGTON (PH) a dairy operator, Ruth, Mississippi, was present and was introduced as Grand Klagle for the State of Mississippi. ARRINGTON indicated that the KKK now has Klaverns in 70 of Mississippi's 82 counties but did not identify them.

An election of Hinds County Officers was held, to establish officers on a county level, and the following were elected:

SIDNEY DAVIS, County Investigator

Henry H. Henscheid

(FNU) BOURDEN (PH), County Coordinator (Identified as a retired U.S. Navy Warrant Officer and a former employee of American Oil Company, city not stated)

W. L. BARRETT, County Giant, who is employed as a bus driver, Jackson, Miss. City Bus Line and as County Giant will head a crew of 3-4 men from each Klavern.

BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant for the State of Mississippi, then spoke at this meeting for over one hour. BUCKLES is reportedly from Franklin County, Mississippi.

BUCKLES said there were to be no more bombings of any type by the KKK in Mississippi as bombings draw attention to the KKK too rapidly. He said there are other ways to handle things and then said "No matter what they tell you, arson is hard to prove".

BUCKLES suggested all members purchase firearms and ammunition and said members should not pay excessive prices for them inasmuch as he could obtain rifles for \$15.00 each, which price includes 3 clips.

BUCKLES said that outside agitators must be stopped and said if it takes a few busted heads to stop them fine, but that if necessary the KKK would go further than this to stop these agitators.

BUCKLES said when members locate meeting places of Negroes such as Negro church buildings, they should sow the parking lot with carpet tacks and disable assembled cars by cutting their wiring, etc. Along these lines he suggested any service station men present should obtain a good supply of sugar to pour into gasoline tanks of cars of persons working for integration.

BUCKLES said the current trouble spots in Mississippi are Jackson, Hattiesburg, Laurel, and the Gulf Coast. He said "Meridian seems to have everything under control."

BUCKLES then said he assumed all persons present had read about the disappearance of the three men at Neshoba County, Miss. He said, "Now they know what we will do, we have shown them what we will do, and we will do it again if necessary." /s/ SAM. WALTERS.

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Remarks:

In authenticating report, informant used code name "Charles Ford" which he will use in all future contacts.

- ① - 157-1962 (State)
- 2 - 157-(Klan Activity, Simpson County, Mississippi)
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Magee, Miss.
June 26, 1964

W. R. Mangum, organizer of Americans for the Preservation of the White Race, Magee, Mississippi, is one of the leaders of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at Magee, Mississippi.

Members of the WKKKK in Magee are:

Joe McNair, owner, McNair's Cafe, Magee,

C. L. Myers, grocery store operator, 49 Highway North (Near Shell Station), Magee,

(FNU) MAC Broome, owner, MAC Broome's Jewelry Store,

Billy Hudson, owner, Magee Bankrupt and Fire Sale Store,

Edwin Pearson, manager, Bill's Pawn Shop, and

Billy Prince, owner, Prince Texaco Service Station, Magee, Mississippi, are members.

A meeting of the WKKKK took place 6/24/64 between 10:00 PM and 1:00 AM at Billy Prince's home which is the first brick house, north of Vardaman's Bar-B-Q on 49 Highway, Magee, Mississippi.

A cross had been burned several weeks ago across the street from the home of (FNU) Parker, former assistant principal, Magee High School, Magee, Mississippi, because of Parker's complaint against Chief of Police Paul Kennedy for Kennedy slapping a Negro female a few months ago.

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WKKKK members of Magee, Mississippi, plan to punish white and Negro residents for moral misconduct, particularly Negroes having illegitimate children.

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1-157-1953 B. F. HINTON
1-62-3395 (MINUTEMEN)

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1-157- (FNU GRAHAM)
1-157- (CECIL SESSUMS)
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1-157- (HURSTON STRINGER)
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Laurel, Mississippi
June 26, 1964

Informant advised that during the regular meeting of The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKOM) (The Boguehoma Hunting and Rifle Club) on Tuesday 6/23/64, the situation regarding CLINTON CLARENCE COLLINS, SR., was discussed. It was reported that he had been riding around Laurel, Mississippi with two white women in the car with him. Some of the members were rather "hot" about this and it was indicated that something might take place if he did not cease this activity.

It was reported by DON HENSHAW that he had observed several whites and negroes dancing at the Old Negro American Legion Club just off Highway #59 at the East side of Laurel. It was reported (believed by HENSHAW) that recently the Sheriff or one of his deputies rode by the American Legion Club and the person stopped dancing and went in the back room, when he left they came back and started the dance again. Some member of the WKKKOM claims to have ~~xxx~~ "peeped" in the window at this club but did not see anything since the lights were turned out.

He states (FNU) GRAHAM, who lives on the lower Myrick Road, near Laurel and CECIL SESSUMS, Preacher from Shady Grove, Mississippi had some project recently and several negroes were reported to have run through the woods, when frightened. Informant does not know when or where this happened.

Informant advised that there is very little discussion about the various projects prior to the time they are carried out. This is due to no one except the Division leader and LAWRENCE BYRD, acting project chairman, knowing about it. The Division Leader picks his men then gives them the project and it is up to them to carry it out. The results of the projects are discussed at the next meeting after carried out.

* Informant rode to a meeting with B. F. HINTON, EC, recently and HINTON talked about "leaks" in the organization. He thinks there are about two and maybe more. He did not identify any of the suspected leaks.

He feels that the recent incident where HERSTON STRINGER and the other man were "sworn out" was due to a misunderstanding between STRINGER and ED WADSWORTH, Police from Ellisville, Miss.. WADSWORTH was supposed to attend an initiation but missed the group and felt that STRINGER had crossed him. This was straightened out and the two men were taken back into the ~~XXXXX~~ Klan on 6/23/64. (They were sworn out by LAWRENCE BYRD)

Informant advised that there has been no discussion in recent ~~meetings~~ meetings regarding the stappings of HENRY C. CLAY or WILL PONDER. He feels that the Explosion at the Laurel Leader-Call is the reason for the slow action on the cases. These cases may have been dropped in view of the present activity with regards to the racial situation in Mississippi.

New Orleans File 62-3395 - Entitled "Minuteman" - IC(IS) was discussed by informant he states he has not heard any additional information since it was discussed by JIM BISHOP several months ago.

6/26/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1552)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-329)
SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
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ReButel 6/10/64.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, the following local authorities have been advised of the information contained in New Orleans teletype of 6/9/64, captioned, "SEGREGATION MATTERS IN MISSISSIPPI, RM":

On 6/11/64 by SA ROBIN O. COTTEN:

BOYCE BRATTON, SHERIFF, Lafayette County,
Oxford, Mississippi;

D. B. CROCKETT, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP);

JAMES JONES, Chief of Police,
Oxford, Mississippi;

M. Q. PARKS, MHSP, Oxford, Mississippi;

FULTON TUTOR, MHSP, Pontotoc, Miss.;

MHSP Inspector L. Y. GRIFFIN,
Batesville, Mississippi.

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On 6/11/64 by SA THOMAS S. HOPKINS:

FITZ FARRIS, Chief Deputy,
Coahoma County Sheriff's Office,
Clarksdale, Mississippi

BEN C. COLLINS,
Chief of Police
Clarksdale, Mississippi

On 6/11/64 by SA ROBERT F. SAVARD, JR.:

Chief of Police ROY DAVIS,
Houston, Mississippi

Sheriff ARNOLD SIMPSON,
Chickasaw County,
Houston, Mississippi

On 6/15/64 by SA LEROY D. FEDERLE:

Chief of Police W. C. BURNLEY,
Greenville, Mississippi

Sheriff E. W. WAGES,
Montgomery County, Mississippi

SUGGS INGRAM, Sheriff,
Grenada County Sheriff's Office,
Grenada, Mississippi

Chief of Police CURTIS LARY,
Greenwood, Mississippi

ALVIN MALONE, Sheriff,
Attala County Sheriff's Office
Kosciusko, Mississippi

J. H. HARVEY,
Town Marshal,
Kosciusko, Mississippi.

On 6/11/64 by SA LYNN P. SMITH:

Sheriff R. P. TAYLOR,
Lowndes County Sheriff's Office,
Glumbus, Mississippi

Deputy Sheriff R. C. HERRON
Lowndes County Sheriff's Office,
Columbus, Miss.

Chief of Police MAHLON VICKERY (NA),
Columbus Police Department,
Columbus, Miss.

LOUIS W. HARPER (NA),
Columbus Police Department,
Columbus, Miss.

Deputy Sheriff MARY HARPOLE,
Oktibbeha County Sheriff's Office,
Starkville, Miss.

Sheriff JOE ED STRICKLAND,
Clay County Sheriff's Office,
West Point, Mississippi

Chief of Police THOMAS F. SMITH,
West Point Police Department,
West Point, Mississippi

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
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ReNOairtel and enclosed letterhead memorandum
setting forth information concerning possible violence regarding
racial demonstrations in the Laurel, Mississippi area.

Advise Bureau any pertinent developments and present
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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF
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Re New Orleans teletype to Bureau and Memphis 6/25/64
captioned "RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, RM."

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for
Memphis is one copy of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to
captioned matter.

Source mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum is

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1 - Memphis (157-403) (RM) (Enc. 1) (Info)
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2- 157-1962

- 1: 157-1339 (ADAMS COUNTY)
1: 157-1974 (MYRON WAYNE SEALE)
1: 157- (PAUL DE MARCO)
1: 157-2159 (ERNEST FINLEY)
1: 157-2281 (PETE HARVEY)
1: 157-2151 (PAUL POSTER)
1: 157- (FNU JAMES)
1: 157-2122 (FNU MC KINNEY)
1: 157-2148 (JAMES E. GREER)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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New Orleans, Louisiana
June 26, 1964

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 23, 1964, that there are currently eight "goon squads" in the Adams County Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK) of Mississippi. This source added that there are seven men on each squad, and it is planned that there will be twelve such squads by the first of July.

This source stated that any Klan members who are members of the auxiliary police will not be assigned to any of the "goon squads." Source advised that any "goon squad" member who is caught by a fellow Klansman committing an act of violence is to be arrested by other Klansmen, and that the leaders of four of the "goon squads" are as follows: Myron Wayne "Jack" Seale, Ernest Finley, Pete Harvey, and Paul DeMarco. Source added that DeMarco is the owner of a drug store in Natchez, Mississippi, and that these "goon squads" were set up by Paul Foster, the Exalted Cyclops of the Adams County Klavern. This same source informed that an individual by the name of James of the James Amoco Service Station, Natchez, is secretary of the Adams County Klavern and reported that the Klavern has on hand approximately \$300.00 to \$375.00.

This source stated that individuals who are members of the auxiliary police and who are also members of the Klan have been instructed that if any demonstrator or "freedom rider" spits upon them or curses them that the Klansman is to

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remember the identity of the individual and determine where this person is staying. The Klan is then to be advised of this information, and the individual will be taken care of by the Klan under the cover of darkness.

This source stated that there seems to be little or no planning on the part of the Klan at Natchez, Mississippi, at this time as to what action will be taken when and if the demonstrators or "freedom riders" arrive in Natchez, and that all assignments will be made by Paul Foster.

This source added that Myron Wayne "Jack" Seale has plugged with pipe plugs the practice hand grenades which Seale had in his possession in February, 1964; however, this source did not know if these grenades have been loaded with powder.

It is noted that this same source previously reported on February 25, 1964, that at a Klan meeting held at Natchez on the same date, Jack Seale exhibited two practice hand grenades, each of which had a hole in one end, which hole was sealed with wax. A discussion was held regarding the removing of the wax from the grenades and tapping the hole and thereafter filling the grenade with black powder and inserting a pipe plug in the tapped hole. It was not indicated how many such grenades were in the possession of Seale; however, the two grenades were carried by Seale in a small blue canvas flight-type zipper bag.

This source further advised on June 23, 1964, that the Adams County Klavern has been annoying a local attorney, Fred Berger, during all hours of the night, by telephoning Berger's residence and then not speaking. This is because Berger has been representing Negroes who have been mistreated by the Klan.

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This source further advised that James K. Greer, of Finwick, Mississippi, is the Provincial Giant of the Cloverhill Klavern of the WKKKK, and that Tiny Lewis is the Exalted Cyclops of this Klavern. Lewis is also a Colonel on the staff of Governor Paul Johnson of Mississippi, and the Cloverhill Klavern meets in the same building used by the Adams County Klavern. According to this source, the Adams County Klavern meets on Tuesday night, and the Cloverhill Klavern meets on Thursday night.

This source stated that on the evening of June 23, 1964, members of the Adams County Klavern were looking for a white Comet automobile bearing a New Jersey license plate and reportedly occupied by one white male and one Negro male, who were believed to be members of the Mississippi Summer Project.

Special Agents of the FBI at Natchez, Mississippi, on the evening of June 23, 1964, also attempted to locate such an automobile, without success.

The above information was furnished to Chief of Police J. T. Robinson of the Natchez, Mississippi, Police Department on June 25, 1964.

A characterization of the WKKKK is attached.

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APPENDIX

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A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi, met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

APPENDIX

Cover Sheet for Informant Report
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Date of Report: 6/25/64

Date (s) of activity:

Brief description of activity or material: Information that Clinton Klavern Ku Klux Klan, now merged with West Jackson Klavern; identity of 6 known Klaverns in Hinds County, Miss.; officers of West Jackson Klavern; identity of members of Bolton and Copiah County Klaverns; identity of Provincial EC and Provincial Investigator.

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Clinton, Mississippi
June 25, 1964

The Clinton Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi is no longer in existence and all persons previously identified as belonging to this Klavern, including former officers, are now members of the West Jackson Klavern, KKK. VERNON CHAPPELL; BILL RUSSELL; (FNU) HALL and GLADSTONE WILLIAMS, who were previously listed as officers of the Clinton Klavern, are now merely members of the West Jackson Klavern and are not officers of this Klavern.

J. P. MOORE, Night City Marshal, Bolton, Mississippi, who is a member of the Bolton Klavern, White Knights of the KKK, Bolton, Miss., is also a Deputy Sheriff of the Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi.

NOEL WINN (PH), owner, Ace Electric Company, Rankin County, Miss., who is communications officer for the Rankin County Auxilliary Police Force consisting of 200 men, and who resides in Rankin County, is a member of the Copiah County Klavern, KKK, Crystal Springs, Miss.

Two unidentified uniformed patrolmen of the Crystal Springs, Miss. PD are members of the Copiah County Klavern, KKK.

EDDIE ROSEMAN (PH), a patrolman of the Jackson, Miss. Police Department, assigned as bodyguard for Jackson Mayor ALLEN THOMPSON, is a member of the West Jackson Klavern, KKK, Jackson, Miss.

The known Klaverns of the KKK in Hinds County, Mississippi, are as follows: (This listing include the Terry, Miss. Klavern recently formed)

West Jackson Klavern

North Jackson Klavern

Bolton, Miss. Klavern

Edwards, Miss. Klavern

Forrest Hills Klavern

Terry, Miss. Klavern

The officers of the West Jackson Klavern KKK, Jackson, Miss. are as follows:

PRICE E. GRAY, Exaulted Cyclops
GLEN MOORE, Investigator
BILLY MITCHELL, Treasurer
A. A. RHODES, Secretary
JACK O'NEAL, Lecturer

An individual named (FNU) WHITEHEAD, who has not been further identified is Province Exaulted Cyclops of the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi.

One H. L. HOLMES, who operates a used car lot at Pascagoula and South Gallatin St., Jackson, Miss. is Province Investigator, of the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi.
/s/ SAM WALTERS.

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6/25/64

SA CHARLES WILLIAM BONE

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RACIAL INFORMANT (PROB)

On 6/25/64 [REDACTED],
Clinton, Miss., racial informant (PROB) of the New
Orleans Division, who was sworn in as a member of the
West Jackson Klavern, White Knights of the KKK of
Miss. on [REDACTED] advised as follows:

On the morning of 6/25/64 BILL RUSSELL, owner,
Russell's Grocery, Monroe and Cynthia Sts., Clinton,
Miss., a member of the West Jackson Klavern, notified
[REDACTED] that a white preacher named (FNU) YONKERS who
resides in rural Hinds Co. on the Kickapoo Rd. at the
intersection of the Brownville-Tinning Road, has been
teaching some type of class at a Negro church (name of
church unknown to [REDACTED] located at Northside Drive
and Monroe Road near Clinton in rural Hinds Co. for
approximately the past week. RUSSELL took [REDACTED] to
the above church and from a distance pointed out to
[REDACTED] that YONKERS, his 3 teenage daughters, ages
approximately 13 to 18 years, and his son, age ap-
proximately 10 to 12 years, were then serving refresh-
ments to a group of Negroes in the church yard. [REDACTED]
said at that time he observed that YONKERS has a 1964
brown Chevrolet station wagon bearing 1964 Miss.
license H42635 and he subsequently determined this
license is registered to the Southland Missions,
Box 346, Jackson, Miss.

[REDACTED] said they then returned to RUSSELL's
store and RUSSELL telephoned PRICE GRAY, Exalted
Cyclops of the West Jackson Klavern, and H. L. HOLMES,
Provincial Investigator for the KKK, both of whom
reside at Jackson, Miss., and notified them of the
above. GRAY and HOLMES came to Clinton on the morning

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[redacted] of 6/25/64 and RUSSELL took them to the vicinity of the above Negro church, following which they came to [redacted] office at Clinton, Miss. HOLMES and GRAY then told [redacted] in the presence of RUSSELL that they intended to "pick a group" on the afternoon of 6/25/64 to "pull a job" on 6/25/64. GRAY told [redacted] they will probably notify him on the afternoon of 6/25/64 of their plans for the following day since the above church is located in the vicinity of Clinton.

[redacted] said that both the church and the residence of YONKERS are in rural Hinds Co., Miss. and are not located within the Clinton city limits. He said he does not intend to furnish this information to any other law enforcement agencies. [redacted] pointed out Hinds Co. Deputy Sheriff, J. P. MOORE, Bolton, Miss., is a member of the KKK klavern and he feels certain that Hinds Co. Sheriff FRED PICKETT is either a member of the KKK or in full sympathy with this organization. [redacted] stated that he believes that if FBI agents or other law enforcement officers attempt to cover the contemplated activity described above, his life may be endangered and his usefulness as an informant for the FBI will be ended.

[redacted] described YONKERS as a WM, age approximately 50 years, 5'8", slender build, and wears glasses. He said he has no knowledge of the Southland Missions, of how long YONKERS has resided in Hinds Co. or of the purpose of his teaching at the above church.

A review of the Clinton, Miss. Telephone Directory reflects that I. M. YONKERS resides on Kickapoo Road, telephone 4981.

A. S. HARGROVE, JR., U. S. Postal Inspector, Jackson, Miss., was unable to locate an application for Post Office Box 346 at Jackson, however, Postal records reflect this box was rented to H. D. MADDOX, 1291 N. President, a general insurance agent in 195.



In view of the above, the above information is not being disseminated pending receipt of instructions to the contrary from the SAC.

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Brief description of activity or material <u>State Meeting of The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi XXXX and info Re: Klan Activity i Jasper County and Klan activity in Smith County, Taylorsville, Miss. RM</u>		File where original is located if not attached

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June 23, 1964

Informant advised that The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi scheduled a State Meeting for 5/31/64 at Raleigh, Miss., but the meeting was postponed until 6/7/64. He states the meeting was held at an old Methodist Church about 10 or 12 miles North of Raleigh off State Highway 18.

A copy of the instruction sheet concerning the arrangements for the meeting was furnished by informant. The instructions were hand delivered to the ECs and the Provincial KBI Agents. These instructions were sent by The Council of Grand Officers of the WKKKOM. The letters that were mailed were sent from Meadville, Mississippi, and were believed to have been prepared by BILLY BUCKLES, who lives at Ridgely, Mississippi. There was a notation on the bottom of the instructions "for you and the Jasper unit". This bottom part was torn off and the envelope was kept by RI.

He states that SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, JULIUS HARPER, Grand Dragon, BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant, A. C. HARRINGTON, State Organizer, ERNEST GILBERT, State Investigator, were all present. They made talks in which they discussed the racial situation and what could be expected in Mississippi this summer. They mentioned how to get back at the CR demonstrators and not be observed or at least caught. Nothing of a radical nature was discussed - That is to kill anyone or to do any bodily harm except where the other person caused it.

Informant mentioned that the WKKKOM voted to pay the funeral expenses for one of the members that died of a heart attack at the local jail in Greenwood or Greenville, Mississippi after he was arrested for burning a cross. The bus fare of the widow was paid back to her home in North Carolina.

investigator
He mentioned that several elections were held by the various districts where vacancies had occurred. He recalled that the Provincial ~~KKK Agent~~ for the district covering Hattiesburg and Laurel, Mississippi was elected and he thinks his name was "Cotton" DELEK (PH) of Hattiesburg. There was another man from Hattiesburg by the name of WEATHERS who was elected Provident Giant. Some individual by the name of LOUIE de SALVO was elected to some office. He is believed to be from the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

It is expected that there will not be any more State wide meetings until after the summer season is over, however there maybe a called meeting of various officers. Any meetings during the summer will be a group of four or five Klaverns in a particular area. This will be for security reasons.

He related that a few changes have been made in the State policy with regards to "projects" being carried on by the various Klaverns. The only thing that is necessary to have a project approved is to have a request from the EC of a particular Klavern made to the Provincial KBI Agent of the District where the project is to be carried out. If the KBI Agent approves the request no further action is needed from the higher State Officers. This new procedure eliminates the top men from being involved in any project. This set up leaves the local members more or less on their own and they are the ones that takes all the pressure. He informed that this is no a good set up since the "Top" men get the money and no responsibility.

Informant states it was brought up a recent meeting that the "Top Officers" do not receive any pay for their services but do receive milage and meal allowances. The question was asked how the Officers got their money but this question was never answered. There is no money left the local Klaverns when a new member is taken in. The money is taken by the Officials and the local Bursar sends the bills or holds them until a contact can be made with the Chief Bursar. ~~xxx~~ He thinks that the money that ~~xxx~~ was in the custody of the local Bursar, ~~xxxx~~ prior to the ~~xxx~~ new rule can use it for payment of bills.

He explained that there is no Kleeple anymore. The recruiting is done by the local members and the new members are screened by all local members. If two members vote against a new member he is not allowed to join. If one man votes against a new member the case is sent to the KBI Agent who talks with the member who voted against the applicant. If the KBI agrees with the dissenting member he notifies the EC and the applicant is rejected.

He related that the Klavern at Bay Springs (Jasper County) Miss., has elected CHARLES HOLDER, Temporary EC, ~~XXXXXX~~ to replace GEORGE KNIGHT, who withdrew. This Klavern recently raised around \$400. for a family in Bay Springs that was burned out. They have several other worthwhile projects under consideration.

He informed that (FNU) BURKE, has replaced ~~XXXXXXXX~~ GLENN TULLOS as EC of the Klavern at Raleigh, Mississippi. TULLOS is now the investigator for the Klavern. He mentioned that this Klavern has over 100 members in the Raleigh area. There is another unit being formed at Mize and Taylorsville, Mississippi. These units do not have enough men for a full Klavern and do not have any charter.

Informant mentioed that about three weeks ago the Klavern at Raleigh had a project regarding a man (FNU) AINSWORTH who lives near Raleigh who was "beating his wife" on frequent occasions when he was drunk. They wanted to put "the strap" to him which was approved. He does not know if this project was ever carried out or not.

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He advised that during the past two weeks the negro help has walked out, from their employment, at the Alexander Hardware, Bayless Cafe, Pineview Lake Cafe and the Edna Cool-dip Dairy Bar, in Bay Springs. The cafe is still closed but efforts are under way to secure personnel to reopen. He does not know what is behind this but he feels that the racial question maybe involved. There has been no "visible" evidence that the people are upset in any way.

Informant advised that he has heard from an unknown member of the Laurel Klavern, while attending a State Meeting, that a resolution was passed by the Laurel Klavern to "blow up" the Laurel Leader-Call but this resolution was not approved by the EC. He understands that the resolution was made by Patrolman EDDIE COWAN, MHP, ~~xxxxxx~~ and after the explosion the EC called Patrolman COWAN early Sunday morning and asked him if he had taken it on himself to bomb the Leader-Call and COWAN told him he did not and did not know anything about the person who did cause the explosion.

He said that this person told him that the Laurel Klavern had called off the project regarding the Leader-Call and was concentrate on CLINTON CLARENCE COLLINS, SR., a negro, in Laurel. He does not know what type of investigation they are conducting regarding COLLINS.

Informant states that he has heard that Patrolman COWAN'S wife has been fired from several places because of her "Radical" attitude and "outspoken" views on local and other matters. She was at one time invited to speak to a club in Bay Springs but the members turned down the suggestion because of her attitude.

He heard that some action had been planned, by the local Klavern at Laurel, against someone that had fired Mrs. COWAN, in Laurel. He does not know just what company this might have been. He will advise of any additional information.

Informant states that ~~MAX~~ a negro by the name of BOBBY INGRAM had called a former Deputy Sheriff, WAITES McNEIL, Lumbis Miss., on Sunday, June 14, 1964, and told him that the negroes were going to demonstrate in Bay Springs, Miss. on Monday, 6/15/64, and there was nothing no body could do about it. This negor appered to be drinking, from the tone of his voice. He is a shiftless "no good" person and hangs out with OTIS AND VIRGIL DECKSWORTH. These persons have caused trouble in Jasper County in the past and if there are any demonstrations in the future he feels that ~~max~~ these person will be involved.

He also mentioned that ROBERT CHANDLER ALEXANDER, former Sheriff, Jasper County, had moved to Florida and was in the automobile business. Hewent broke and returned to Jackson, Mississippi where he organized a club "Truth Incorporated". He and his wife make numerous talks to youth clubs at churches and these talks are reported to be of a Communist Nature. ALEXANDER is now ~~frontingxxxxxxx~~ working for the Borden Milk Company, in Meridian, Mississippi and is using this as a front to contact numerous youth organizations. Informant does not know anything about the "Truth Incepporated" club will furnish any additional information he might receive.

He described ALEXANDER as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	40 (Approx)
Height	5'7"
Weight	140
Complexion	Dark
Religion	Member Presbyterian (Makes talks at various Episcopal Churches)

Informant stated that the Klan is checking on a white, male using the name of RICHARD EUGENE WOOD, who attended Wheaton College, Ohio, and is living in or around Laurel, Miss. This individual is reported to be selling bibles and dictionaries to negro families in the vicinity of Laurel in Jones County.

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On 6/23/64

[redacted], Wesson, Mississippi, who has been contacted on numerous matters in the past and is a strong admirer of the Bureau, advised that some time in November, 1963 date not recalled but he believed it was on the week end of the Miss State Auburn football game at Jackson, Mississippi a Cross was burned at Wesson, Mississippi by unknown individuals. In [redacted]'s opinion this was not by local people but by persons passing through.

[redacted] said that he is in very close contact with all classes of people in that area through his position at the Bank and generally hears about or hears rumors of what is going on there. He said that as far as he knows there is no Klan activity in the Wesson area. He is very much opposed to the Klan and will advise of any information received.

He said he has heard that the new organization called Americans for Preservation of the White Race has been started at Brookhaven, Mississippi, but he had no information as to members or leaders.

On 6/23/64 Andrew L. Hartley, City Marshal, Wesson Mississippi advised that he recalled that a cross was burned there in about November 1963, but it was never determined who was responsible for the same. He said that is the only indication that has come to his attention to indicate any Klan activity there. He said he has been unable to obtain any information as to any individuals in Wesson who may be Klan members. He said that he has heard that there is Klan Activity at Brookhaven, Mississippi but he has no information as to members or that organization. He stated he has never been approached by any one relative to participating in Klan matters. He will advise in the event he receives any such information.

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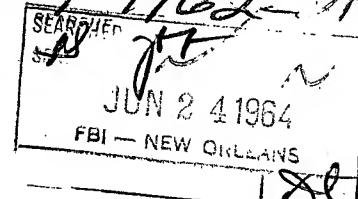
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**Info. re planned meeting of Hinds County, Miss.
KKK 6/24/64, and info. re identities of
Hinds County KKK members.**

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Clinton, Mississippi
June 23, 1964

On 6/20/64 PRICE GRAY, Exalted Cyclops of the West Jackson Klavern, White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi, Jackson, Miss. notified members of that Klavern to meet in their automobiles at the parking lot of the Deposit-Guaranty Bank and Trust Co. Branch Office, Highway 80 and Ellis Avenue, Jackson, Miss. at 7:00 p.m. on 6/24/64, from which location members of this Klavern will proceed by automobile to an unannounced location in Hinds County for a County-wide meeting of all KKK Klaverns in Hinds County, Mississippi.

GLEN MOORE, a Patrolman of the Jackson Police Department, Jackson, Miss. is the Investigator for the West Jackson Klavern, KKK, aka West Jackson Rod and Gun Club.

PRICE GRAY, mentioned above, has stated that another Jackson Police Department Patrolman, whose wife recently died, is also a member of the West Jackson Klavern, and has also stated that two men employed by the Miller Transport Company, Jackson, Miss. are also members of this Klavern.

The Clinton Klavern, White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi, Clinton, Mississippi has in the past used the name "Clinton Agricultural Club" and is presently meeting under the name "Clinton Coin Club".

The following individuals, whose complete name or identity is unknown in certain instances, are members of the Clinton Klavern, White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi:

VERNON CHAPPELL, 107 Cynthia, Blvd., Clinton, Miss., Exalted Cyclops (Employed as independent plumber at Clinton)

(FNU) CHAPPELL, age approximately 22 years, son of VERNON CHAPPELL

BILL RUSSELL, owner, Russell's Grocery, Monroe & Cynthia Streets, Clinton, Miss. , Number 2 man in Klavern

(FNU) HALL, Secretary-Treasurer of Clinton Klavern

PETE RUSSELL, son of BILL RUSSELL, named above

(FNU) HALL, son of HALL, named above as Secy-Tres.

(FNU) THAMES, operator, Thames Refrigeration Service, 310 N. Jefferson St., Clinton, Miss., residence 1001 Monroe St., Clinton. (Son-in-law of BILL RUSSELL No. 2 man named above)

(FNU) LOWE, resides Monroe St., Clinton, Miss.

(FNU) OLIVER, Monroe St., Clinton, Miss.

(FNU) WIGLEY, Monroe St., Clinton, Miss.

(FNU) WIGLEY, (son of WIGLEY named above), Clinton, Miss.

(FNU) MARTIN, resides Post Road, Clinton, Miss.

JAMES WARREN, 500 West Lakeview St., Clinton, Miss.

(FNU) MAHAFFEY, Belview St., Clinton, Miss.

THOMAS GORE, Campus Security Officer, Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi (GORE has a brother (FNU) GORE, who is not known to be a member of KKK who is employed as an Art Professor at Mississippi College)

BOB WHITE, resides Sunrise Drive, Clinton, Miss., employed by an oxygen supply company at Jackson, Miss.

SILAS SCOTT, Clinton, Miss., employed by Southern Carton Corp., Jackson, Miss.

PAT LAMBERG, Clinton, Miss., employed by CLYDE MARTIN, an independent distributor for Broden Milk Co., Jackson, Miss.

BUFORD SHEARER, Manager, Western Auto Store, Clinton, Miss.

JERRY GILSTON, Employed Standard Oil Co., Jackson, Miss., resides at Clinton, Miss. and is son-in-law of owner of Ranch Restaurant, Highway 90, Clinton, Miss. where Clinton Klavern has met in past.

GLADSTONE WILLIAMS, Attorney at Law, operator, Clinton Realty Co., Clinton, Miss. - This individual is the legal advisor for the Clinton Klavern, KKK.

D. PARROTT (PH), who operates a Fish Bait Shop, Highway 90, Clinton, Miss.

One (FNU) MOORE, who is employed as Night City Marshal of the village of Bolton, Mississippi, and who is reportedly a Deputy Sheriff of the Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Miss. is a member of the Bolton Klavern, KKK.

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SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR.

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KLAN ACTIVITY,
COPIAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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On 6/22/64 [redacted]

[redacted], Georgetown, Mississippi advised that he recalled that some time in November 1963 a Cross was burned at Georgetown, and also just across the Pearl River, in Simpson County, Miss, on Highway 28, about 3 miles from Georgetown.

He said that since that time there has been no incident in Georgetown to his knowledge to indicate any Klan Activity in that Area.

He advised that he believes he will hear through persons who come in his store and the general talk there. He said as far as he knows there is no Klan activity in that vicinity. He said he has no use for the Klan, and will advise in the event he receives any information regarding the same.

On 6/22/64 [redacted]

[redacted], Georgetown, Mississippi advised he has been agent there for thirty years and knows most of the people in the area. He said that in about November 1963 he recalled that a Cross was burned at Georgetown, but since that time there has been no activity there which would indicate the presence of any Klan functions.

He advised that since then there has been nothing to come to his attention to make him believe there is any Klan interest there, and it was his opinion the cross burner did not come from that area.

He said he heard some weeks ago that meeting of the Americans for Preservation of the White Race are held at Harrisville in, Simpson County, are held, but he did not recall his source and knew none who attended. He has no use for the Klan and will advise of any information received.

Action Required place in files indicated.

1cc 157- Americans for Preservation White Race
2 157- 1962 WKKKK
1 157- Klan Activity Simpson County, Miss.

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SA CHARLES M. KOKES

KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITY
RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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[redacted] Pelahatchie, Miss. (PROTECT IDENTITY)
advised on 6/17/64, that he knew of no Klan or Klan type organizations in Rankin County. He said that he knew of an organization called the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race which meets at the Rankin County Court House in Brandon. He said that he has heard "coffee talk" to the effect that this group may have some connection with the Klan but could not attribute any specific remark or comment to any person. He said that he knew of only two persons who have had any contact or connection with the group called Americans for the Preservation of the White Race, who are:

JACK WILLIAMS, Pelahatchie, Miss.
(a farmer who lives south on Hwy 43)

CLAY OVERBY, Brandon, Miss.

[redacted] said that ~~XXXX~~ JACK WILLIAMS had attended the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR) but had more recently started attending some training program in Brandon designed to set up a Rankin County Guard which apparently is an auxiliary Police group. [redacted] did not know if there was a connection between the APWR and the guard group presently under training.

[redacted] said that the only Klan type activity that he had heard about had been an incident which occurred on Monday night (June 15-16, 1964) in which a truck had been stopped by four hooded or masked persons who were looking for a Negro. The Negro who the masked men were looking for was not on the truck and the truck and occupants were released without further incident. [redacted] could furnish no additional information or details on this matter. He said that he heard about this matter from JACK WILLIAMS.

On June 17, 1964, attempts were made to locate and contact JACK WILLIAMS at Pelahatchie, Miss. with negative results.

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On June 17, 1964, Rankin County Sheriff, T. H. "Red" SHIVERS, Brandon, Mississippi advised that he did not know of any Klan or Klan type organization. He reiterated his position in that he was in a "hot seat" in that he was being opposed by an old established political machine in Rankin County and that he could not afford to alienate any persons or organizations in the County. Therefore he was going to avoid having any contact or learning anything about the Klan if it exists or the APWR.

He said that he knew of three members of the APWR who are:

CLAY B. OVERBY, Brandon, Miss. (operator of the Pac-A-Sac Grocery)

CAREY ALDRICE, Brandon, Miss. (Guard at Ross Barnett Reservoir)

FNU SULLIVAN, (residence unknown)

(Shivers identified this person as having a deformed arm)

SHIVERS said that he does not know much of anything about the APWR as to members, objectives or activities. He said that there must be about 100 persons who attend the Tuesday night meetings. He said that they meet early around 6:30 or 7:00 PM. He said that he talked to a Brandon Minister who had read the charter of the APWR, and who told SHIVERS that the APWR looked like a good organization. Shivers said that he asked the minister if he was a member but the minister said that he was not. SHIVERS said that he would not identify the minister.

Shivers was asked about a group that was holding training in Brandon, Miss. at this time. SHIVERS said that this was the Auxiliary law enforcement group which he, SHIVERS, had promised to furnish the county when he was running for Sheriff's office. He said that he had asked for volunteers and then set it up with the cooperation of the Mississippi State Highway Safety Patrol through GRADY GIMORE, the Public Relations man of MHP. GIMORE sent an instructor by the name of (FNU) THOMAS who has been drilling the volunteers and teaching them the use of the baton.

SHIVERS said that he did not know whether any members of the APWR were being trained under this auxiliary police training program.

SHIVERS said that he did not know of any Klan activity nor of any acts of violence that had occurred in Rankin County. He was specifically asked if he knew anything about an incident in which a truck had been stopped one night this week by some persons who had masks or hoods over their heads. SHIVERS said that he had heard something about it but that he had heard so many different versions of what happened he was not even certain if anything at all happened.

It is pointed out that SHIVERS at this point would have passed this matter off lightly as a matter of inconsistent rumor. However upon specific close questioning he did furnish the following information about this incident:

Shivers received a complaint call from FRED DAVIS of the Pelahatchie Poultry Company, Pelahatchie, Miss. at about 8:00 AM on 6/16/64. DAVIS told him that men with stockings over their heads had stopped one of the Produce Co. trucks which was occupied by Negroes, and asked for a Negro by the name of BOBO GIVINS. GIVINS was a Negro who worked for Pelahatchie Produce but was not in the truck which had been stopped. No further incident occurred and the truck was permitted to go on. Shivers said that he learned from the Negroes around Pelahatchie that BOBO GIVINS had tried to force a white woman off of the road with the apparent intent of ~~raping~~ trying to assault her. She or someone got the license number of the car GIVINS had and found out who GIVINS was. SHIVERS said that he had received several complaint calls about a Negro forcing or trying to force a white woman off of the road. He said that he did not know the identify of the white woman.

Mr WAYNE DAVIS, Pelahatchie ~~Produce~~ Poultry Co., Pelahatchie, Miss. advised on June 18, 1964, that three of his company's trucks had been interfered with on the early morning of 6/16/64, by masked individuals. He said that he preferred that the details of this incident be furnished by his brother FRED DAVIS or by MOODY DAVIS who know more about the matter.

Mr. DAVIS advised that the foreman of the chicken catching crew, a Mr. GRADY NORTON, was in charge of the employees ~~men~~ who had been stopped and had furnished the details of the incident to FRED and MOODY. At this point Mr. DAVIS checked on the whereabouts of GRADY NORTON and determined that he had just come into the Poultry plant. He therefore asked NORTON to come into his office.

Mr. GRADY NORTON of Route 2, Pelahatchie, Miss. was thereupon interviewed in the office of Mr. DAVIS. Mr. NORTON stated that on the morning of 6/16/64, he was getting the chicken catching crew on its way out into the country to bring in the stock for the day. They were going to the chicken farm of CECIL PAYNE about 15 miles south of Pelahatchie. They ~~men~~ had to gas each truck up and then the trucks left one at a time as they were gasped up. The first truck was driven by a white man named "Junior" SISTRUNK and had a Negro helper named JOHN HENRY BROWN as a passenger. The truck drove out to the Antioch Church about 12 miles south on State highway #43 and then turned off to the east about a quarter of a mile. This would have been about 2:05 to 2:15 AM. The first truck encountered three men out on the dirt road who attempted to ~~saive~~ down the truck with flashlights. SISTRUNK could see that the men had something over their heads. SISTRUNK was frightened and instead of stopping he stepped on the gas and went on passed. There ~~was~~ was a black car a short distance from the three persons which tried to pull out and block the road but backed out of the way when the truck did not slow up. SISTRUNK continued to speed on to the farm of CECIL PAYNE and did not even slow up for the main gate but crashed through it with the truck.

A few minutes later the second and third trucks came along the same route but the men in the trucks did not see anything unusual.

NORTON advised that the 4th truck to leave the Poultry Co. was a panel truck called a "Carryall" which has three seats and which is used to take the men out to the farms. This truck left Pelahatchie about 2:05 AM, and was driven by a Negro named L. H. COLLIER. The truck was occupied by 8 or 9 men all of whom were Negroes except one man named JOHN WESTMORELAND. WESTMORELAND is just a regular laborer type employee and not in any supervisory capacity.

This "Carryall" truck proceeded south on highway 43 to a point somewhere between the ELTON EVERITT Grocery Store and the Antioch Church. The truck met a car which was traveling north on the highway. The car made a "U" turn after passing the truck and started following the truck. The car overtook the truck and stopped the truck. Apparently the driver COLLIER thought that it was the local police in the car and he therefore stopped. When the car stopped three men with stockings over their heads got out of the car and came over to the truck. As they approached one of the masked persons mentioned the name of BOBO GIVINS. Another one of the masked persons then pointed at COLLIER and said "That's him." They pulled open the door and were about ready to pull COLLIER out of the truck when another Negro in the truck named FRANKY LEE KING, told the masked men that COLLIER was not BOBO GIVINS. Apparently one of the masked persons knew what GIVINS looked like because they all looked COLLIER over closely and then looked inside of the truck at the other passengers and then told COLLIER to move on which he did.

NORTON told that one of the Negroes had fallen asleep in the panel truck during the ride out. He awoke and did not know what was going on so he opened the rear window on the truck and stuck his head out to see what was going on. One of the men with a stocking mask over his head who was standing near that side of the truck hit the side of the truck with something believed to be a gun and ordered the Negro to get his head back inside of the truck. NORTON said that there is some disagreement as to whether the man then hit the truck again or whether he fired a shot up into the air. NORTON said that he talked to all of the men on the chicken catching crew and most of the men from the "Carryall truck" said that all three men with stockings over their heads were white men and all had guns. Also they all agreed that there must have been a fourth man in the car who did not get out.

NORTON said that after he got all of the other trucks on their way he took the last truck himself alone and started out. He estimated that it must have been about 2:10 or 2:15 AM 6/16/64, when he got started. He drove out about eight or ten miles and then stopped to check his load. He had just finished checking his load when a car came up the highway toward him traveling north. The car went past his truck and made a U-turn and pulled up behind him. NORTON got inside of his truck but before he could pull out three men came up along side his door. Two of these men had flashlights and one of them had a gun which looked like an automatic type pistol. All three of the men pointed their flashlights and the gun at NORTON through the window. One of the men asked where BOBO GIVINS WAS and whether he was in the truck. NORTON told them that GIVINS was not in the truck and that he no longer worked on the chicken catching crew. One of the three men went around to the other side of the truck and looked into the passenger side of the truck and said something to the others to the effect that no one was in the truck. The man who had done the talking then told NORTON to go on about his business. NORTON immediately drove on down the highway.

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Man #3

(man who went around and looked into passenger side of truck)
 Race White
 Sex Male
 Age Early 30s
 Height 5' 6" or 7"
 Weight 160 pounds
 Build Stocky

NORTON said that he believed that this 3rd man was "BUBBA" FLANAGAN whose first name he believed was JIMMY who lives with his aunt Mrs. JAMES SPANN. ~~brother 5th house on the left of the first street east of the traffic light to the north in the 5th house on the left (or west) side of the street.~~

FLANAGAN lives on the first street east of the traffic light to the north in the 5th house on the left (or west) side of the street.

NORTON said that he had heard from the other Negroes around the Poultry Co. that there was a rumor to the effect that BOBO GIVINS had been following or had tried to run a white woman off of the road somewhere up in the north end of the county, and that was the reason why these four men were trying to get to GIVINS to whip him.

MR. WAYNE DAVIS, of the Pelahatchie Poultry Co., who was present during this interview with NORTON added that his brother FRED DAVIS had remarked to him that on the morning of 6/16/64, at about 3:30 or 4:00 AM when he was coming to work he had observed the car of Constable LUTHER STEVENSON parked on a street uptown in Pelahatchie. He said that STEVENSON drives a 1963 or 64 Rambler which is light creme in color and which has a long antenna on the back such as for a two-way radio.

Mr. DAVIS called his nephew MOODY DAVIS and confirmed this information about FRED DAVIS having seen the car of LUTHER STEVENSON on the morn of 6/16/64. After talking to MOODY, Mr. DAVIS said that apparently he was wrong in that the car had not been parked uptown but rather FRED DAVIS had seen the car drive past the Pelahatchie Poultry Co. at about 3:30 or 4:00 AM heading west toward where Stevenson lives.

Mr. DAVIS advised that BOBO GIVINS had worked for the Pelahatchie Poultry Co. up until 6/6/64, when he voluntarily terminated his employment. Mr. DAVIS said that his company records show the following information for BOBO GIVINS;

Name	ALFRED SAMMIE GIVINS, aka "Bobo"
Address	P. O. Box 25, Pelahatchie, Miss.
SSN	

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Mr. NORTON furnished directions on how to locate home of GIVINS as:

Take U. S. #80 east out of Pelahatchie; turn left just before you get to CLYDE SHIVERS Grocery Store (about a mile out of town); at first street about 50 yds away turn right, and then immediately turn left (as if road had a jog in it); go to about 3rd or 4th house on left which is a house with a porch which has no roof over porch.

On June 18, 1964, while in vicinity of the "Crossroads" on Miss. Hwy #43 observations were made by Agent at the farm of ANSE GRAY at which time a 1950 black 2 door Chevrolet (Delux) with a fleetline body was observed in the drive-way. This vehicle had 1964 Miss. license T-4049.

On June 19, 1964, Agent checked the records of motor vehicle registrations in the Rankin County Sheriff's Office and determined that 1964 Miss. Lic. ~~xxx~~ T-4049 was issued for a 1950 Chevrolet VIN 101503, to owner ANSE GRAY, Route 2, Pelahatchie, Miss.

LEONARD H. COLLIER, Route #1 Box 174, Brandon, Miss. advised on 6/19/64, that he was the person who had driven the "Carryall" truck which had been stopped on the early morning of 6/19/64. He related the incident but did not furnish any additional pertinent information which had not already been furnished by NORTON COLLIER did state that he believed that one of the men who had stockings over their heads could have been the Constable STEVENSON, but he was not certain.

Mrs. KATHERINE GIBSON, Route 2, Pelahatchie, Miss advised on 6/19/64, that she is the mother of ALFRED SAMMIE (Bobo) GIVINS. She said that she didn't know of any reason why anyone would want to whip her son and denied any knowledge that Bobo had followed a white woman. She said that Bobo did have some trouble with the Constable, Mr. STEVENSON and the Pelahatchie night marshal, Mr. VARNER, at a "juke joint" at which time STEVENSON beat up Bobo. She did not know where Bobo was.

GROVER WADSWORTH, Pelahatchie, Miss., former Constable, and presently the deputy town marshal at Pelahatchie, advised on 6/19/64, that he had no knowledge of any Klan or Klan type organizations or activities. He ~~said~~ said that he knew of no incidents that had happened in the county. He said that he had heard about the matter of four men wearing stockings over their heads having stopped a truck to find a Negro named Bobo GIVINS. He said that he did not think this was the work of the Klan but rather just four white men who were taking care of a Negro, who had gotten out of line, in the old Mississippi traditional manner.

On 6/22/64, Dr. W. L. JAQUITH, Director of the Mississippi State Hospital, Whitfield, Mississippi was contacted relative to his possible knowledge of any Klan activity in Rankin County with negative results.

On 6/22/64, the following persons in Florence, Mississippi were contacted in an attempt to obtain pertinent information of Klan activity. Results were negative.

JAMES M. MAY, Jr., Postmaster at Florence
JAMES M. MAY, SR., Justice of the Peace, Florence
Mrs BRYAN COURTNEY, Mail Clerk, Florence Post Office.

Mr. H. H. BETHUNE, former minister and present manager of the Brandon Hotel, Brandon, Miss. was contacted on 6/22/64, at which time BETHUNE advised that he had no pertinent information about the Klan or Klan type organizations.

Location	Estimated Membership	Coverage
Alexandria, Louisiana	Unknown	NO 1223-R
Marthaville, Louisiana	Unknown	NO 1223-R
Franklinton, Louisiana	Unknown	NO 1254-R, PAUL BLDRA COONE, RI (PROB)

White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKK)

This klan-type group was organized on February 15, 1964, when approximately 200 members of the OKKKK from the State of Mississippi met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. The aims and purposes of this group are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, and to fight Communism and to extend the dignity and heritage and rights of the white race of America.

According to the constitution of the WKKKK, the State of Mississippi is divided into five districts and these districts will always remain the same as the U. S. Congressional Districts in geographical boundaries. A source has reported that the WKKKK is organized in thirty-five Mississippi counties with an estimated membership of 1,800 individuals. Members have been reported to be in possession of firearms and explosives and engaged in beatings of Negroes and white persons, as well as individual cross burnings in their local areas. During the last trial of Byron de la Beckwith at Jackson, Mississippi, in April, 1964, instructions were issued by the WKKKK that members should attend the trial each day to lend moral support to Beckwith. A review of the sign-in register of persons attending this trial revealed the names of individuals who have been reported by informants to be members of the WKKKK.

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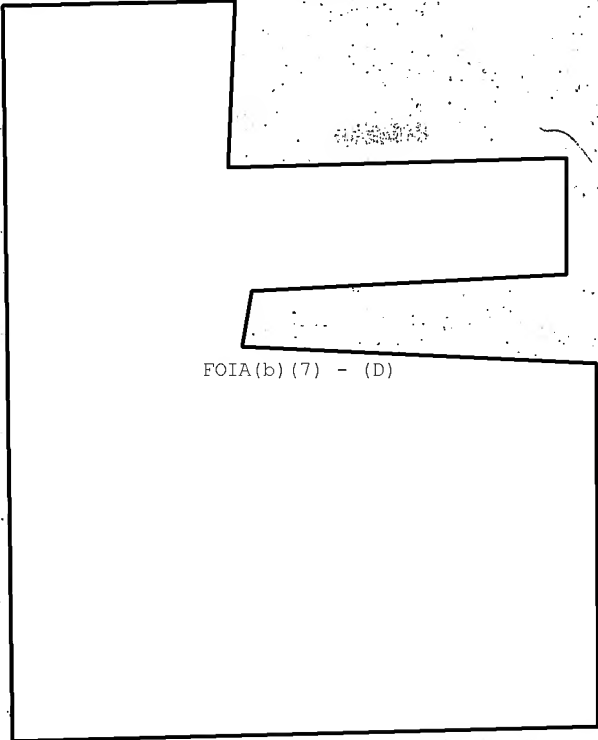
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A source reported that on the evening of April 24, 1964, the WKKKK would burn crosses throughout the State of Mississippi. On April 25, 1964, contact with the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol at Jackson, Mississippi, determined that 71 crosses had been burned in 61 areas of Mississippi on the night of April 24, 1964.

The following are the locations of klaverns of the WKKKK as reported by informants:

Location	Estimated Membership	Coverage
Laurel, Mississippi	50	 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)
Ellisville, Mississippi	Unknown	
Natchez, Mississippi	300-400	
Soso, Mississippi	Unknown	
Yazoo City, Mississippi	38	
Jackson, Mississippi	30	
Monticello, Mississippi	Unknown	
Prentiss, Mississippi	Unknown	

United Klans of America, Inc.,
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA)

Comment has been made separately in this inspection report regarding the quality and extent of your investigations into activities of the various klan organizations within your area. No additional comments along these lines will be made in this survey other than to note that you have reported klan activity in the following areas in which you have coverage believed inadequate to keep your office advised of pertinent information:

Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK)

Information has been developed that klaverns are active in the following Louisiana areas:

Sterlington, Louisiana
Choudrant, Louisiana
Delhi, Louisiana
Winnabore, Louisiana
Sicily Island, Louisiana
Jonesville, Louisiana
Columbia, Louisiana
Campti, Louisiana
Winnfield, Louisiana
Wisner, Louisiana
Clinton, Louisiana

Activity is also reported in Catahoula and Concordia Parishes.

White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK)

Pike County, Mississippi
Copiah County, Mississippi
Rankin County, Mississippi
Walthall County, Mississippi
Marion County, Mississippi
Amite County, Mississippi
Lincoln County, Mississippi
Jefferson County, Mississippi
Franklin County, Mississippi

Latest available information received from a source indicates that klaverns are also located in the following Mississippi counties covered by the New Orleans Office:

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Jasper County, Mississippi
 Kemper County, Mississippi
 Leake County, Mississippi
 Madison County, Mississippi
 Newton County, Mississippi
 Noxubee County, Mississippi
 Neshoba County, Mississippi
 Scott County, Mississippi
 Simpson County, Mississippi
 Smith County, Mississippi

You should immediately institute an aggressive program whereby your office will conduct suitable investigations in accordance with Section 122 of the Manual of Instructions of reported klan activities in the above mentioned areas in Mississippi and Louisiana. These investigations should extend to obtaining accurate lists of the membership of the various klaverns, full identities of the leaders of the klaverns, meeting places, and appropriate background information regarding the individual leaders and policy makers of the separate groups.

During the course of this inspection, the seventeen racial informants listed by your office at the beginning of this inspection were rated as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Very Good</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>
Racial Informants	2				
Racial Informants (PROB)	2	2			
Racial Informants (non-organizational)			2	3	
Confidential Sources-Racial	1				
Under Preliminary development:*					
Racial Informants (PROB)			1		
Racial Informants (non- organizational)					1
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*Three recently developed and have produced inadequate information for accurate rating /

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC (157-1962)

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

JUN 19 1964

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on 5/29/64 a typewritten report regarding a meeting of captioned organization held on 5/26/64, at Natchez, Mississippi.

This report can be located in [redacted].

Informant advised that approximately 20 members were in attendance at this meeting and identified the following individuals:

① - 157-1962

[redacted]

1 - 157-1339
1 - 157-2157 (PETE TYER)
1 - 157-1974 (JACK SEALE)
1 - 157- (W. W. CARNELL)
1 - 157-2277 (DAVID CARNELL)
1 - 157-2284 (FRANK GASTON)
1 - 157-2181 (JOHN ANDREWS)
1 - 157-1340 (DOUGLAS BYRD)

1 - 157-2276 (SID HANEY)
1 - 157- (EARL DOWNING)
1 - 157-2303 (JOE PEOPLES)
1 - 157-2159 (ERNEST FINLEY)
1 - 157-2087 (ERNEST PARKER)
1 - 157- (G. T. LAMBERT)
1 - 157-2228
1 - 157-2236

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PETE TYER; JACK SEALE; JEFF LUKE;
W. W. CARNELL; DAVID CARNELL; FRANK
GASTON; JOHN ANDREWS; DOUGLAS BYRD;
SID HANEY; (FNU) DAVIDSON (new member);
EARL DOWNING; JOE PEOPLES; ERNEST FINELY;
ERNEST PARKER; (FNU) CUPIT; G. T. LAMBERT
and four men, names not known at this time.

Informant advised that the above new member was brought in by FRANK GASTON. Informant stated that it was indicated by FRANK GASTON at this meeting that JOHN GREEN, recent candidate for mayor, had asked for Klan help in getting the election declared void.

Informant stated that DOUGLAS BYRD gave another talk on Communism and the Negroes, and that his talk followed the same general pattern as his previous talks.

Informant also furnished some pamphlets which he had obtained.

Informant further advised that it is now known that the supplier of weapons and explosives by the name of SID or SIDNEY from Jackson was recently arrested on a gun charge of some kind. SID is alleged to have made the statement to his contact in Natchez that his home phone is "tapped." Informant stated that SID is alleged to have 1,000 hand grenades and approximately 12 Thompson sub-machine guns for sale at this time.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC (157-1962)

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

JUN 19 1964

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on May 22, 1964, a typewritten report concerning a meeting of captioned organization held on May 19, 1964, at Natchez, Mississippi. This report can be located in New Orleans file [redacted].

Informant reported that 22 men were in attendance and furnished the identity of the following members:

② - 157-1962

[redacted]

1 - 157-1339
1 - 157-1974 (JACK SEALE)
1 - 157-1340 (DOUGLAS BYRD)
1 - 157-2159 (ERNEST FINLEY)
1 - 157-2087 (ERNEST PARKER)
1 - 157-2284 (FRANK GASTON)
1 - 157- (JOE LEWIS)
1 - 157-2157 (PETE TYER)
1 - 157-2277 (DAVID CARNELL)
1 - 157-2276 (SID HANEY, SR.)
1 - 157- (EARL MC GAUGHEY)
1 - 157-2303 (JOE PEOPLES)
1 - 157-2228
1 - 157-2236

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NO 157-1962

JACK SEALE; JEFF LUKE; DOUGLAS BYRD;
ERNEST FINLEY; ERNEST PARKER; LEE PARKER;
FRANK GASTON; JOE LEWIS; PETE TYER; DAVID
CARNELL; (FNU) DILLON; SID HANEY, SR.;
(FNU) DAVIDSON; EARL MCGAUGHEY; JOE PEOPLES;
and six men not recognized.

Informant advised that a Mrs. ALLSWORTH was discussed by the members and identified as a member or a worker for the NAACP. ALLSWORTH is employed by "BOB's Eats" on Highway 61, north of Natchez, as a bookkeeper. The suggestion was made by FRANK GASTON that this place be blown up because he felt that a Mrs. LYMAN ALDRICH, the owner, and one SHIRLEY TAYLOR and two other women, names not known, were also involved in association with the NAACP. Informant stated, however, that it was brought out at the meeting that several innocent persons would suffer and so this plan was abandoned. DOUGLAS BYRD was instructed to write a pamphlet on this subject. Informant stated that the entire group, with the exception of about one-half dozen men, are anxious for some action and states possible that the members may not be contained much longer.

Informant stated that PETE TYER told the members that over the past week end while in Hammond, Louisiana, he was approached by a man from Jackson to see if the Klan was interested in some hand grenades. The man from Jackson is alleged to have 1,000 live hand grenades for sale at \$7.50 each. Informant stated this individual owns a Lotus Ford automobile and his first name is either SID or possibly SIDNEY. He lives in and around Jackson and is at the present time reported to be building another racing car. Informant stated this individual is the same person who is alleged to be in possession of 12 Thompson sub-machine guns at \$500 each. Informant stated that these grenades and guns are supposed to be coming from Arkansas.

Informant stated that the head of the WKKKK has put out an order for all klansmen to stay off the streets this summer in the event of racial trouble. The klansmen are only supposed to move if ordered to do so by state officials.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, [REDACTED] (157-1962)

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

DATE: 6/19/64

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on June 5, 1964, a typewritten report regarding a meeting of captioned organization held on June 2, 1964, Natchez, Mississippi. This report can be located in [REDACTED].

Informant reported that 20 men were in attendance at this meeting and identified the following individuals:

JACK SEALE; JEFF LUKE; Mr. SID HANEY, JR.; W. W. CARNELL; DAVID CARNELL; PETE TYER; ERNEST FINLEY; Capt. J. G. WISNER; FRANK GASTON; (FNU) DAVIDSON; (FNU) DILLON; JOE PEOPLES; ERNEST PARKER; JOHN ANDREWS; CURTIS WELCH; and two or three men, names not known at this time.

Informant stated that there is a move to combine all of the Klan units in Adams County into one large Klavern. The purpose of this is to organize platoons of men for street action this summer. Informant stated that all of the units in Adams County are to vote next week on this proposed action to combine all of the units and also to vote on whom will head up the Klavern. Informant stated that JACK SEALE was the individual who brought up the matter of combining the Klan units and those in attendance were strongly in favor of this move.

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1 - 157-1339 (ADAMS COUNTY)
1 - 157-1974 (JACK SEALE)
1 - 157- (SID HANEY, JR.)

1 - 157-2276 (SID HANEY, SR.)
1 - 157- (W. W. CARNELL)
1 - 157-2277 (DAVID CARNELL)
1 - 157-2157 (PETE TYER)
1 - 157-2159 (ERNEST FINLEY)
1 - 157- (CAPT J. G. WISNER)

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1 - 157-2181 (JOHN ANDREWS)
1 - 157- (CURTIS WELCH)

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Informant stated that the WKKKK is asking for each Klavern to supply two men throughout the State of Mississippi to be part of a state force of young men. These men must be between the ages of 26 and 32 and be able to be away from home for extended periods this summer. It was indicated that these men would be sworn in as lawful law enforcement officers and enjoy the full protection of the law. They will be furnished clothes, that is, a black suit, a white shirt, black tie, black shoes and hat.

Informant reported that it is understood there are 360 active Klan members in Adams County at the present time.

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AIRMAIL

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-NEW)
WASP, INC.
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned as above.

The confidential source mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED].

The indices of the New Orleans Office contain no information identifiable with captioned organization.

It is requested that a search of the Bureau indices be conducted for any information identifiable with captioned organization and that this information be furnished to New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will contact the Secretary of State's Office for the State of Mississippi for any article of incorporation.

Will contact sources for any information regarding this organization.

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AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

Will contact [REDACTED] (Prob) and
any other appropriate sources for any information.

AT LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-2153)

DATE: 6/18/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: KKK ACTIVITY
SMITH COUNTY,
TAYLORSVILLE, MISS.
RM

FOIA(b) (6)
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FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

AT TAYLORSVILLE, MISS:

On 6/9/64, [REDACTED], advised that he has learned that ROBERT LEE JONES, employed at the REA, is a member of the local unit of the WKKKKOM.

[REDACTED] states he may join the unit at Taylorsville for intelligence purpose, so that he can furnish information to the FBI and try to control that "illegal" activity on the part of this group. He will be advised of his decision to get into the organization.

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6/22/64

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by Informant _____

Brief description of activity or material

**Identities of officials of Clinton Klavern,
White Knights of Ku Klux Klan of Miss.,
Clinton, Miss.**

Date of Report

6/17/64

Date(s) of activity

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Clinton, Mississippi
June 17, 1964

VERNON CHAPPELL, 107^{1/2} Cynthia Blvd., Clinton, Mississippi is the Exalted Cyclops of the Clinton Klavern, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. CHAPPELL is an independent plumber at Clinton, Mississippi and his son (FNU) CHAPPELL, age approximately 22 years, is a member of the Clinton Klavern, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

BILL RUSSELL, owner, Russell's Grocery, Monroe and Cynthia Streets, Clinton, Mississippi, is the Number two man of the Clinton Klavern, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

The Clinton Klavern is reportedly meeting each Tuesday night, and has in the past met in the private dining room of the Ranch Restaurant, Highway 80, Clinton, Mississippi.

PRICE GRAY, who operates an automobile repair shop on Rankin Street at Jackson, Mississippi is the Exalted Cyclops of the West Jackson Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. This Klavern has in the past used the name West Jackson Rod and Gun Club, held several weekly meetings at the Community Center, Clinton, Mississippi, but discontinued use of this Community Center several weeks ago.

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Brief description of activity or material <u>Investigation of 2 white males by WKKKK</u> <u>Activity re trial of FNU MCKINNEY (Leader</u> <u>Sligo Group)</u>		File where original is located if not attached

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On 6/17/64, [] advised that on 6/16/64, ERNEST PARKER, Klansman in the Adams County Klavern, received phone call from unknown individual at McComb, Miss., and was told to be on the look out for a Volkswagen, which had been doctored in McComb with "running puny" (sugar was put in gas tank). ERNEST PARKER and MYRON WAYNE (JACK) SEALE drove Ford to McComb, Miss., from Natchez, in an attempt to intercept Volkswagen. PARKER and SEALE did not intercept Volkswagen but PARKER received message via his civilian band radio in his car from his wife, who advised him "Fat Boy" ROBERTS (who drives an old model blue Cadillac and is employed at James Amoco Service Station, Natchez) that the Volkswagen had just left James Amoco Service Station after occupant of Volkswagen made inquiry as to location Volkswagen Agency in Natchez.

Volkswagen subsequently located by PARKER and SEALE at Volkswagen Agency, Natchez, when motor removed.

[] advised he was told Volkswagen bears New York license, numerals unknown.

[] stated klansmen searched Natchez and found two white males approximately 20 years old at Pop's Grill. These white males were wearing beards. Klansmen followed these two white males to the city park located on the bluff at Natchez.

A surveillance was set up by the klansmen. Later the two young white males were picked up in an automobile and the klansmen failed to see this and were unable to identify the car which had picked up the two white males.

[] stated the klan, at the present time did not know the whereabouts of the two white males.

[] advised that MCKINNEY, operator of the Tenneco Service Station on East Franklin Street, Natchez, Miss., and who is the head of the Sligo Group, is to be re-tried on Monday, 6/22/64, with five state officers of the klan present.

This trial was to be at the klan headquarters on Morgantown Road, Natchez. (FNU) HARPER, the ex-sheriff of Copiah County, operator of a cafe in Crystal Springs, Miss., is to defend MCKINNEY. [] stated the klan is expecting trouble from MCKINNEY, who has said he will not show up for a trial and that if klansmen approach him, he will defend himself with a double barrel shotgun.

[] stated PAUL FOSTER, State Chaplain and acting exalted cyclops of the Adams County Group

has stated if MCKINNEY does not show up for trial he will send men to bring him to the klan headquarters for trial.

[] stated MCKINNEY has four men "going along with him" who are namely CLAUDE FULLER, CALVIN CLARK, MCKINNEY's brother, who is employed in the local oil fields, and RODNEY BRITT. [] describes these four individuals as well as MCKINNEY, who is to be tried, as "rough, tough boys."

[] advised that following the meeting on June 16, 1964, that he and ERNEST PARKER went on a stakeout at the corner of Washington and Canal Street to watch the last house on the left approaching Canal on Washington. This stakeout lasted from 10:30 PM until 3 AM, the following morning.

[] stated he had been told the reason for this stakeout was that klansmen for the past week had been seeing Negroes coming and going to this house during the early hours of the morning.

[] stated that this house is in a white neighborhood and is occupied by a Mrs. SCOTT, a Mr. DYKES, who is employed at Cole's Department Store, Natchez, and another white female, name unknown.

[] stated he was not acquainted with Mrs. C. H. BURLEY, Natchez, Miss., and that he had heard nothing about a committee of "one million caucasians to march on Congress, 7/4/64." He stated he would attempt to develop information regarding this matter.

[] advised that JACK SEALE was in Natchez on Friday and Saturday, 6/12 and 13, 1964, but that as yet he has been unable to establish the whereabouts of SEALE on the night of 6/11/64.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS

DATE: 6/16/64

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (157-329) (P) *[Handwritten initials]*

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, aka
RM

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Re New Orleans letter to Memphis, 1/22/64,
setting forth information regarding JAMES EDGAR
WRIGHT.

On 6/1/64, *[Redacted]*

[Redacted] and that he is
living in Biloxi, Mississippi, where he manages
Bill's Dollar Store.

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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

If KKK active in Biloxi area, considera-
tion should be given to recontacts with *[Redacted]*
[Redacted]. It is noted that his family are not in
agreement with his association with the KKK.

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SAC, MEMPHIS (157-329) (P)

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TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-35)

KLAN ORGANIZATIONS, STATE OF MISS., RM.

REBUTEL, JUNE EIGHTEEN SENT ATTENTION INSPECTOR SULLIVAN,
AND NEW ORLEANS TEL JUNE SEVENTEEN CAPTIONED "RACIAL SITUATION,
STATE OF MISS., RM."

FOLLOWING TELETYPE WAS SENT TO NEW ORLEANS FROM BUREAU
DATED JUNE EIGHTEEN:

RENOTEL INDICATES INFO CONCERNING CURRENT ACTIVITY OF
THE MISS. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN WAS OBTAINED FROM A
LOCAL GULFPORT, MISS. NEWSPAPER. THE BUREAU SHOULD BE ADVISED
WHAT INFO HAS BEEN DEVELOPED THROUGH INFORMANT AND OTHER
SOURCES INDICATING THAT THIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN REACTIVATED
AND TO WHAT EXTENT.

INFORM BUREAU BY RETURN AIRTEL THE FOLLOWING INFO:

NAMES OF KLAN ORGANIZATIONS EXISTING IN THE STATE OF MISS.;
LOCATION, MEMBERSHIP AND INFORMANT COVERAGE OF EACH KLAVERN
OF EACH ORGANIZATION; AND WHETHER THIS INFO HAS BEEN
SUBSTANTIATED BY OTHER THAN NEWSPAPER ARTICLES.

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Special Agent in Charge

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DUE TO RACIAL SITUATION PUBLIC SOURCE INFO INDICATING EXISTENCE OF KLAN GROUPS SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY VERIFIED THROUGH INFORMANTS AND OTHER INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES. BUREAU SHOULD BE KEPT CURRENTLY ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THESE ORGANIZATIONS. INFO REQUESTED ABOVE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY RETURN AIRTEL ENCLOSING LHM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT MEMPHIS HANDLES THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISS., MEMPHIS SHOULD FURNISH INFO REQUESTED IN THEIR DISTRICT OF MISS.

ALSO FOR INFO OF BUREAU, INSPECTOR SULLIVAN PRESENTLY IN MEMPHIS DIVISION.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
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TO NEW ORLEANS

FROM DIRECTOR 2 P

ATTENTION-INSPECTOR SULLIVAN.

KLAN ORGANIZATIONS, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTERS.

RENOTEL SIX SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR, CAPTIONED
QUOTE RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTERS,
UNQUOTE.

RETEL INDICATES INFORMATION CONCERNING CURRENT ACTIVITY OF
THE MISSISSIPPI KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN WAS OBTAINED FROM A
LOCAL GULFPORT MISSISSIPPI NEWSPAPER. THE BUREAU SHOULD BE
ADVISED WHAT INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED THROUGH INFORMANT AND
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INFORM BUREAU BY RETURN AIRTEL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION;
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Brief description of activity or material <u>Material The Klan Ledger, Dedicated to the Preservation of Christian Civilization</u>		File where original is located if not attached
Remarks: <p>There is attached a pamphlet entitled "The Klan Ledger" which <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> reports he found in the stairway leading to his office on the morning of 6/11/64. He heard that these papers were thrown out all over town. He does not know the source but he feels that <u>SAM HOLLOWAY BOWERS</u>, Imperial Wizard had something to do with the printing and distribution.</p>		

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Assistant Director Alex Rosen

June 12, 1964

Inspector J. A. Sullivan

**COVERAGE OF KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES
NEW ORLEANS DIVISION**

In analyzing the problems of the New Orleans Division in preparing to handle the investigative burdens arising out of the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) Mississippi Summer Project, it has been noted that the principal weakness in office operations is in the coverage of the various Ku Klux Klan (KKK) organizations active in this division. It has been noted that an unusually large number of local, county and state police officers have joined Klan organizations on their own initiative.

The presence of police officers in Klan organizations spells trouble in several respects. Primarily, it becomes most difficult to work with the agencies officers of this type are assigned to since the Klan activities of these men represent a security leak in our coverage if we deal with departments in regard to the Klan matters. Second, officers who are sufficiently vehement in their feelings regarding integration to join a Klan organization are logical candidates for the action units in the Klaverns they belong to.

In the interest of increasing the security of our operations and in penetrating the action units in the various Klaverns where we require coverage, it is logical and most desirable that we attempt to develop these officers as sources concerning the KKK. The potential of these men as sources, if they agree to assist us, is excellent. The benefits we will derive from their cooperation will far exceed the benefits to be derived from the establishment of a normal informant in a Klan organization.

It must be appreciated that police officers in this area are rather lowly paid and that any activity of substance in the KKK would be bound to represent an investment in both time and

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and funds that would constitute a serious economic problem. On this basis it is believed that we should establish a policy of compensating these men for the expenses that they must necessarily incur to act as sources for the FBI.

RECOMMENDATION

That favorable consideration be given to reimbursing police officers already in the KKK, who agree to act as sources of information for the FBI concerning KKK matters.